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BRYAN AND HEFLIN IN BAD

DEMOCRATS ARE SURE TO BLUNDER AT RIGHT TIME

NEGRO VOTERS WILL NOT BOLT TAFT

Negroes Turned Down at Bryan Lecture and Alabama Congressman Shoots Negro in the Street Car—Taft Gaining.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENCE.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1.—Things have not been "breaking well" in the past few days for those alleged "race leaders" who insist that the Negro vote will "bolt" to Bryan in the event o fthe nomination of Secretary Taft at Chicago in June. Two incidents involving the color line have happened, and because of their flagrant and inexcusable character, the indignation of thoughtful colored people has been aroused to such a pitch that they are in no mood to consider, even remotely, such an absurd proposition as giving aid and comfort to the probable choice of the element responsible for the insults that have been heaped upon them within the past fortnight. Twice in ten days has General Grant's prediction as to the capacity of the Democratic party to blunder at the right time been vindicated, and William Jennings Bryan is again the victim of his fool friends.

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The first "bad break" tending to arouse local resentment was the refusal of the managers of Bryan's lecture engagement at Charleston, W. Va., to admit colored people to the Burlew Opera House on Sunday evening of last week to hear the distinguished orator discourse on "The Prince of Peace." According to the report which reached us almost immediately, hundreds of orderly and intelligent members of our race presented themselves at the outer door of the theatre, but were met by a cordon of blue-coated policemen who informed them in tones none too gentle that no Negroes would be allowed to enter any portion of the auditorium. The drawing of the race line in this instance is all the more aggravating to the Negroes of Charleston and to their friends here, because of the previous generosity of the best white citizens of the place, who have for many years past shown themselves exceptionally friendly to the advancement of the Negro people in every particular. So heartily and sympathetically have the whites co-operated with the colored fellow-citizens that in no city of its size in the country are the latter more thrifty in business or more strongly developed in intellect and morals, or have fewer political and civil restrictions. It is likewise deplorable that the Bryan meeting was held under the auspices of the Charleston Y. M. C. A., and the contemplation of a Christian organization that will so forget basic principles as to deny respectable colored people an opportunity to listen t o adiscourse upon the Master we all profess to serve, is not pleasant, to say the least. The incident redounds seriously to the detriment of the standing of Mr. Bryan among the colored people everywhere, for it is felt that he is cognizant of the doings of his agents and is held responsible for them in equal measure.

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"Bad Break No. 2," which causes Bryanism to sink many notches lower in the esteem of the race, was the inexcusable shooting of a Negro on a Washington street-car last Friday night by Representative J. Thomas Heflin, the unreconstructed rebel who disgraces the Fifth Congressional District of Alabama. Heflin will be remembered as the fellow who tried to have adopted an amendment providing for Jim Crow street cars in the District of Columbia, claiming that separation was the only way to avoid race friction on the traction lines of the capital. His measure was beaten to a pulp, but only by a united stand of the Republican members of the House, who had to meet a solid Democratic vote in favor of the proposition. Sore over his failure to engraft upon the District the narrow bourbonism of Alabama, this burly bluffer has long been in a mood to give an illustration of how difficult it is for the local authorities to preserve the peace on the street cars when Negroes and "po' white trash" are compelled to ride in the same compartment. On the evening in question, Heflin thought he saw a Negro trying to take a drink out of a small flask, and without calling the attention of the conductor to the matter, proceeded to personally rebuke the black man, winding up the altercation by kicking the Negro off the car and then firing a number of shots after him, one of which wounded the Negro about the head and the other hit a bystander in the calf of his leg.

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The story has doubtless been told in detail in the daily papers, but the bitter comments of the colored people on Heflin and the party he represents have not been so recorded. If Mr. Bryan could hear them, he would pray to be delivered from his "bum" following, and the little coterie of misguided Negro leaders who say they prefer Bryan and his gang of Heflins, Tillmans, Vardamans and the like would hide their heads in shame. Here is a "nice spectacle." A member of Congress—a lawmaker God save the mark!—breaking the law with impunity, both by carrying a revolver and by shooting with intent to kill a man with whose conduct he had nothing to do, as it was the duty of the conductor to keep the peace, if there was disorder to be quelled. Heflin says he was on his way to deliver a temperance lecture. Going to deliver a lecture on temperance with a revolver in his pocket, and giving vent to a volcanic display of temperamental intemperance—or his vitriolic state of mind may have been caused by the other type of indulgence. It is also worthy of note in this connection that the osly man this temperance champion could find to go on his bond, after beating the bushes for three hours, was a Negro-hating saloon keeper by the name of Driver. The sequel of it all is yet to be told—but there is enough in this incident and that which happened at Charleston to indicate the intense hatred entertained for the Negro on the part of Bryan and his cohorts. In the one instance, religiously inclined Negroes are turned away from a lecture, wherein Bryan himself is the central attraction; in the second, a leading member of Bryan's party and the promoter of the laws which that party would make, had it the power, assaults and attempts to murder a Negro, whose chief offense consisted in riding in the same car with a white tough from Alabama. It is the opinion of the best informed politicians hereabouts that these two "bad breaks" have thoroughly discredited the alarmists who would frighten the unsuspecting Negro into the Bryan camp as a haven of safety in the event of the nomination of the "awful" Taft at Chicago in June. It is stated most emphatically by the reliable leaders who come here from every section of the country that there will be no bolt from Taft to Bryan or any other anti-Republican candidate. It is freely predicted that Secretary Taft will be nominated on the first ballot, and asserted with confidence that he will poll 99 per cent of the Negro vote.

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The revision of the attitude of the Bee is in keeping with the change of sentiment rapidly pervading the race press all over the country, and is a further indication of the resistless trend of national favor toward the nomination of Secretary Taft. Editor Chase is shrewd and far-seeing, and detecting the locality of the band-wagon, is not slow to place himself and the race in a position where both may taste of the fruits of victory. Honorable success is the life of politics, just as it is the life of business, and politics and business have much in common with those who have cut their wisdom teeth.

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The Washington Bee, edited by W. Calvin Chase, one of the original advocates of the nomination of Senator Foraker and the first to carry the name of the Ohioan at its editorial masthead, in a significant "leader" this week practically retires its erstwhile candidate from the field. Mr. Chase says, among other things:

"The Bee has made a gallant and consistent fight for Senator Foraker. We challenge anyone to dispute this statement. Nothing that we can do or say for him now can alter his status as a presidential candidate. As a presidential quantity, Senator Foraker is out of it. Wt regret to admit this, but it is a fact nevertheless, and even his warmest supporters now admit it; and the Senator too, by his silence, also admits it. . . .

"The Negroes of this country from one end to the other have loyally stood by Senator Foraker, and hoped for his elevation to the presidency. The sentiment of the rest of the country, however, as expressed in the several State conventions thus far held, clearly demonstrates—even to the most ardent Forakerite—that the country is for Secretary Taft. . . . If the Republican party says "Taft," and if the Negroes of the country prefer the Republican party to the party of Tillman, Vardaman, et al., there is nothing left for us to do but to join in the general acclaim, and by so doing, and by lending our support to the success of the party, place the race in a position to share in the success the Republican party achieves.

"The Bee recognizes that the party is greater than any man, and that the tail cannot wag the dog. We oannot wag the Republican party. As the party is greater than the creature, so are the interests of the race greater than the interests of one man. The Bee, because of the accursed and relentless opposition of the Democratic party to our race, must, of race necessity, stand for the Republican party. And there is where the Bee will stand—with or without Secretary Taft as the nominee."

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In order to clear up what seems to be a hazy situation, let us say a word about what was done at the recent Bishops' Council in Washington. The Bishops' Council held its sessions in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. That is a fact. The Council as a body did adopt an address to the country—a remarkably sane and well-poised statement of the principles of the churches represented, and treating in a dignified manner the vital problems which confront the race. These are additional facts. The Council formed a federation of Bishops, framed up a basis for connectional federation, agreed upon a ritualistic form and a common hymnal, talked informally of the condition of the church in general, sang the doxology and adjourned in good order. These are concluding facts. The Council, as a Council, did not pass any resolutions denouncing the administration or indorsing the candidacy of any man for the presidency. The address to the country did not touch upon politics, and this was the Council's only official utterance. A series of resolutions was prepared, but the Council refused to consider them, and when an effort was made to hold a meeting of individual Bishops and ministers in the basement of the church to adopt a paper in accord with some of the denunciatory addresses of individuals delivered at the public sessions, Bishop Derrick came down and put a stop to the proceedings, declaring that politics and vehement utterances could have no proper place in a deliberative religious body. After the final adjournment of the Council, it is a fact that a number of ministers, in their personal capacity as citizens and not as the official representatives of the Council, did hold a meeting and pass the resolutions that purported to emanate from the Bishops' Council. The statement given out by the local press was misleading and the country has been having a hard time to distinguish just where the Council left off and the citizen body began in this matter. The explanations offered by Bishops Grant, Hood, Clinton, Tyree and others are entitled to credence, and their denial that the Bishops took any action against the President or in favor of any candidate, is in absolute accord with the facts. Many of the speeches, interviews, etc., said to have been voiced by the Bishops were garbled to instructed reporters, and so twisted in their meaning as to be unrecognizable by the persons who are said to have been their authors. We make this report upon the testimony of an eminent churchman who was cognizant of the entire proceedings, and the record will bear out its correctness.

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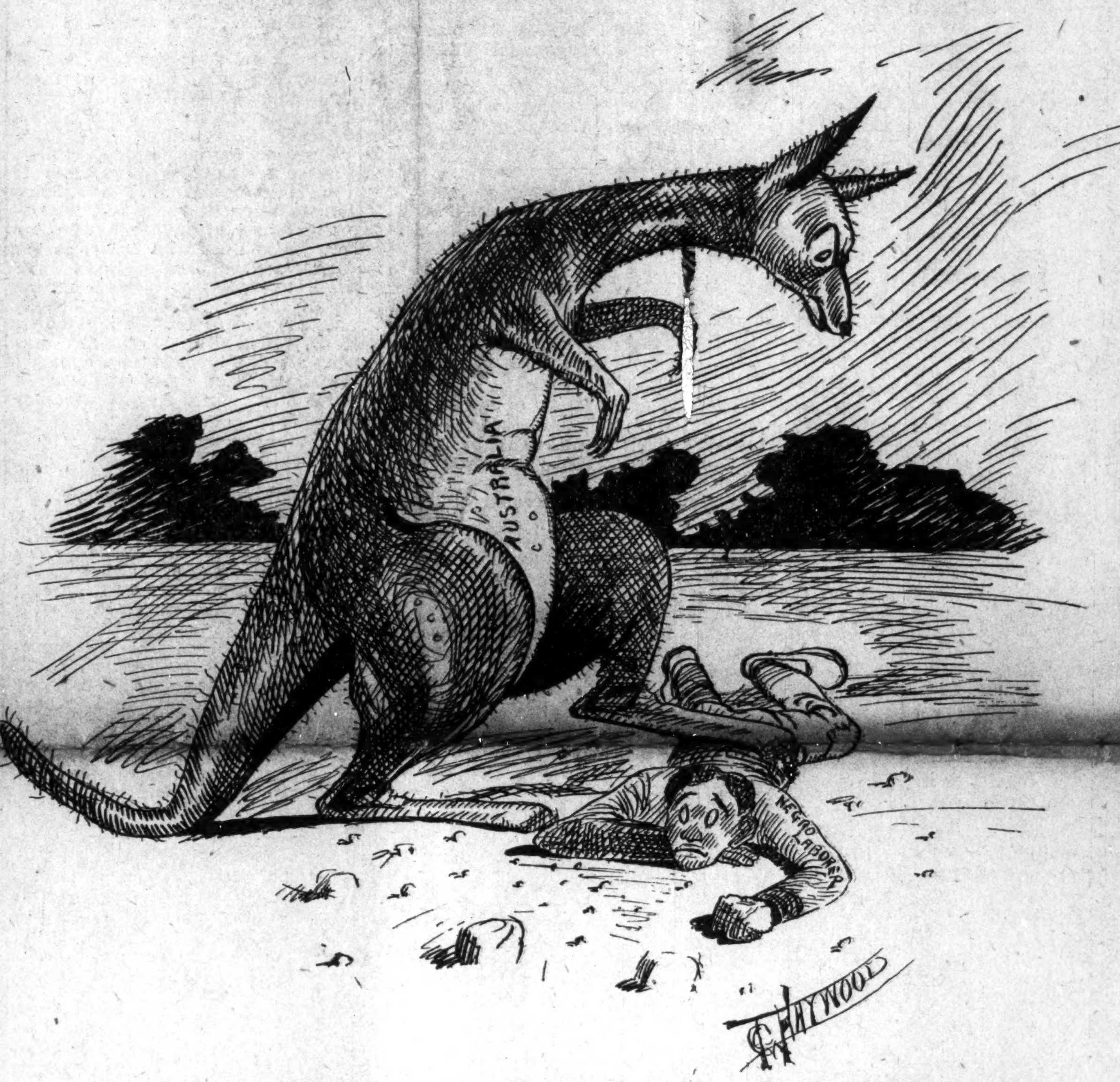
The latest bulletin given out by the managers of the Taft campaign states that thus far 27 per cent of all the delegates to the Chicago convention have been chosen and that the Secretary has already to his credit more than 40 per cent of the number required to nominate him. They say that allowing in full all the claims of his adversaries, and not counting contested delegates, Mr. Taft has at least one-third of the strength necessary to land the prize; 264 delegates out of a total of 980 have thus far been chosen. Of this number 196 are claimed for Taft, 162 of whom are uncontested. Vice-President Fairbanks will have 30 when Indiana's quota is filled this week. Cannon is credited with 28. The situation with reference to Knox, Hughes, LaFollette, etc., remains unchanged. In the South, Mississippi comes forward with a number of contests, but the preponderance of the work seems to be located at present in the North and West, leaving the South to catch on when it can. The colored brother is hustling every moment, but is thinking two months at a time, and the developments of the next thirty days threaten to be of sensational interest.

THE TAIL OF THE KANGAROO.



In Australia the prejudice to Negro labor is extremely great.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.

The ministers' institute of the Wood River Baptist Association, held a three days' session at St. Paul's Baptist Church. Rev. S. P. Clews of the Alton district, conducted the meeting. Rev. Paul Allsbrook of Mt. Olive district delivered a sermon on "The Followers of Christ," which was discussed with much interest. Miss Fanny Jones read a paper on "Christian Influences." The next meeting will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at Atlantic City... Tony Barefield, who has spent the winter here with his parents and many friends, leaves here the 20th to join P. G. Lowery's Musical Company of the great Wallace and Hagenbeck shows at Peru, Ind. This is the fourth season for Mr. Barefiel dwith P. G. Lowery Company... Dr. W. H. Eavins of Baton Rouge, La., is visiting friends here in the city and expects to locate here in the near future...Mrs. Clem Jones has opened a first-class restaurant and cafe at 416 East Broadway.

SHERMAN, TEX.

Copies of The Freeman on sale at Mrs. G. W. Hume's handsome cafe, Williams and Mann's handsome tonsorial parlor, Sullivan and Graves restaurant...Miss Annie Fitzgerald, one of our accomplished young ladies and Texas' sweetest soloist, sings and plays every night at the moving picture show...Mr. McGill and son of Fort Worth and Mr. James Delton of Sherman have gone to Vancouver, B. C., to make their future home... The Sherman Sluggers of Texas, colored league, defeated the Dallas Steers of the league on the 22d in the city of Dallas by a score of 1 to 0. The players of the Sherman Sluggers are Worlds Reid, pitcher; Nib Lewis, catcher; Wilson Garrett, first base; Clarence Nickerson, second base; Mose Johnson, third base; Arthur Curtis, shortstop, captain; Martin Lewis, centerfield; John Curry, right field; Ephraim Hines, left field; Theo. Graves, manager.

NIGHT SCHOOLS CLOSE

SPECIAL EXERCISES WERE HELD LAST WEEK

SENIOR DAY AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY

Miss Rosalie Hanna Makes Big Hit—Negro Citizens' Club Hold Meeting—National Baptist Convention Meets at Lexington.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 30.—Special.—The Central Night School held its closing exercises for the year last Friday night. The monotony of the exercises at the school was broken that night by James Ragan and Benjamin Holmes, who entertained the large audience with humorous selections, imitating Williams and Walker. The following program was given: Song, "Lead, Kindly Light"; recitation, "The Country School Teacher," Mrs. Ella Washington; paper, Mr. William Halden; recitation, Mr. George Richardson; solo, Miss Bukey; recitation, Mr. Walter Darden; recitation, selected, Miss Pauline E. Pollard; sool, Miss Henrietta Scott; paper, Mr. James Warr; addresses by Messrs. C. H. Bullock and T. H. Blue. After the exercises Prof. Joseph Cotter, principal of the school, made a few remarks in which he said that the school had made wonderful progress and the attendance had been good. Prof. Cotter is one of the most well-known educators in the city and has had the pleasure of having his late poem "Pied Piper" appear in the "Little Chronicle," the most widely circulated white journal in the country, as an organ for school work.

Eastern Night School.

The Eastern Night School closed last Friday night, with an attendance of 200. The program was not made up so much from the students of the school as it was professional men of the race. Among them were President J. R. L. Diggs of the State University; the Rev. R. S. Rives; lawyer W. L. Ricks, and the Rev. R. T. Richardson. Prof. F. S. Delaney of the Blind Asylum was one of the speakers. The exercises were presided over by Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, principal of the school. Mr. Meyzeek has accomplished a great deal along educational lines in this city and has done much toward pushing the work at the branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

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Senior day was observed last Wednesday at the State University, 712 West Kentucky street. It was a red-letter day and the graduating class in the business department carried off the honors of the day. It is seldom that the college department loses out on this day, but this was the case this year. The boys partially fell in the rear in point of delivery and mastery of their orations. The chapel was decorated in blue and yellow and the motto "Unity and System Win Success" was displayed on the walls. The most noteworthy of the addresses was that of Miss Rosalie Hanna, whose subject was "The Dignity of Labor." This young girl, who is about sixteen years of age, launched into this subject with the vim of a Mary Church Terrell or a Fannie Brier Williams. Her subject matter, delivery and jesture was admirable. Miss Carolyne Syeward of the college department spoke on the subject "Prejudice and Prosperity." She excelled other speakers in depth of thought and cogency of reasoning. In fact Miss Steward was the orator of the day and held up the honor for the college department. The day will be long remembered for its oratory and music. Miss Burroughs and the Rev. E. P. Marrs and Miss Lizzie Crittenden were among the speakers. A reception was given the seniors at night.

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The Negro Citizens' Club met last Thursday night at College Hall, 112 Wset Green street, and adopted the revised constitution. The aim of the league is to uphold the laws of the city and to contribute its part to the promotion of the city's welfare, as well as promote the best interests of the Commonwealth of Kentucky by joining hands in her moral uplift and material advancement and to augment her future growth along business, civic and industrial lines. The league heard a report from the Cen-

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IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

The Stream of Life.

O stream descending to the sea,
Thy mossy banks between,
The flow'rets blow, the grasses grow,
The leafy trees are green.

In garden plots the children play,
The fields the laborers till,
And houses stand on either hand,
And thou descendest still.

O life descending into death,
Our waking eyes behold
Parent and friend thy lapse attend,
Companions young and old.

Strong purposes our minds possess,
Our hearts affections fill;
We toil and earn, we seek and learn,
And thou descendest still.

O end to which our currents tend,
Inevitable sea
To which we flow, what do we know,
What shall we guess of thee?

A roar we hear upon thy shore,
As we our course fulfill;
Scarce we divine a sun will shine
And be above us still.

ARTHUR HUGH CLOUGH.

EXHIBITION OF WHAT GIRLS CAN DO TO BE HELD IN LONDON.

"What to do with our girls" is a problem of intense personal interest to many anxious fathers and mothers who have struggled to give their daughters the costly education, but cannot provide them with means for a life of leisure.

An entirely novel exhibition will be held at Prince's skating rink next May, for which the title, "What to Do with Our Girls" has been registered. Mrs. Charles Muller is honorary organizer and general director and it is intended to "demonstrate" from May 11 to May 30 all the principal employments suitable for women.

Princess Is Patroness.

The Guild of Service and Goodfellowship, which was founded five years ago by the Bishop of London, is closely interested in the exhibition, and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein has given her immediate patronage.

"Rich girls," said Mrs. Charles Muller, "subscribe to the guild, which does a splendid work among young women obliged to earn their own living. Poverty often comes suddenly upon girls through a bereavement or financial calamity, and the best thing they can do is to learn at once some occupation for which they have aptitude. The guild helps them by paying fees and sometimes with maintenance.

"The funds of the guild have been as high as $50,000, but the calls upon them have been constant.

"We have 13,000 square feet at Prince's skating rink and can accommodate from 250 to 300 stalls.

Ninety Occupations Demonstrated.

"Close upon ninety different occupations at which girls can make money will be demonstrated by experts. They will include artistic furnishing, dispensing, jam making, sweet making, motor driving, bookkeeping, cookery, feather curling, glass blowing, manicure and massage, poster drawing, toy making, wall paper designing.

"Next year I hope to hire some place where we can have exhibitions of riding, driving, motoring and swimming, all of which are taught by women, but we shall this year have nearly every other occupation of cultured Englishwomen represented in actual operation.

Chicken Raising to be Shown.

"For instance, chicken raising will be shown, with incubators, chicks and everything complete. Women gardeners will preside over little greenhouses with growing plants and fruit. There will be a printing plant—girls actually setting type and working a press. Girl bookbinders—a fascinating occupation for women—will turn out some dainty work under the eyes of the public. And the work of the typewriter and secretary, fine laundry work, jam making, and lace mending, will be among the scores of callings represented.

"Fourteen wood carvers and thirteen jewelers have already applied—too many for any one craft. But I have as yet no hairdresser, which one would expect to be found an ideal calling for a young woman, since she could live at home, and only really nice people would need her services. I mean, of course, a dresser of women's hair.

"Fly tying is another splendid occupation for girls; my husband is a keen angler, and has all his flies tied by a young girl down in Devonshire.

Fencing and Jiu-Jitsu Shown.

"On the stage there will be displays of fencing, jiu-jitsu, dancing, etc. We provide the audience on the spot, you see, and those who give the displays take the 'gate.'

"I have promised the Bishop of London that if this exhibition is a success I will conduct one every year for seven years. The training of girls of gentle birth to earn their own living is an aim that very strongly appeals to me."

COMPEL CHILDREN TO LEARN TRADES.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University, advocated in a public address at Chicago recently, that American boys and girls be "sorted out" by agents in authority, teachers perhaps, and forced by law to study trades assigned to them. Dr. Eliot's ideas caused a sensation at the banquet of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education held at the Auditorium.

Here is what Dr. Eliot said: "I assert that it is perfectly proper to enact laws which will give the teachers the authority to sort out the boys and girls, assign to each the trade at which he or she seems best adapted, and the law should then compel these children to be trained for these trades.

All Men Not Equal.

"This sentiment, I see, has already impressed some of you as being undemocratic. I think that it is not so. Democracy is based upon a theory that all men are equal; all men are not equal and never can be; men of practical mind have long set aside that platitude for what it is worth.

"And as men are not equal so are children yet less equal. We see how in a single family, with the same heredity, the same environment, the same opportunities, brothers and sisters enter widely divergent strata of society by natural difference.

"Thus I find that nature often conflicts with what idealists regard as democracy's principles, and when nature and democracy clash, democracy is the loser."

Dr. Eliot added that what industrial conditions require is more workmen skilled as journeymen, not more able foremen and superintendents.

ARTIFICIAL LIMB FOR FLORENCE HARPER.

Subscriptions to Be Taken by The Freeman.

Florence Harper, the eight-year-old girl, and the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper in East Sixteenth street, Indianapolis, had the misfortune to lose her left limb above the knee five years ago when a baby girl of three years she was caught between a large stone and a wagon, crushing the limb so badly that it was necessary to amputate it.

The years have gone on and the little girl uses a crutch, which is now having a bad effect on her shoulder, and physicians say that she will also have curvature of the spine if she is not relieved of the wearing of the crutch. Many times have the family attempted to accumulate sufficient money to purchase the artificial member, but as many times has the little amount been taken for daily needs. The father is industrious and manages to support the family, and the mother lends her assistance whenever she can.

FLORENCE HARPER.

The little girl in her present condition is hindered from attending school regularly, thereby retarding her education, the possession of which will be her only means of self-support when she grows older. She is very anxious to attend school and is fond of music. The condition of this child is a constant worry to her parents. Florence is a bright child and realizes that she is hindered by the loss of her limb.

The firm of D. P. Stirk & Co. of this city have offered to make of the best material, an artificial limb, guaranteed to be perfect in every respect, lengthening the same as Florence grows older, for $75.00. On the receipt of $25.00 the leg will be commenced.

The Freeman asks that its readers and all persons interested will subscribe even if only a small amount. Each person contributing will be given a receipt for same and name and amount published in The Freeman each week. The amount will be deposited by The Freeman and will be known as "The Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund." When the first amount is raised ($25.00) it will be paid to D. P. Stirk & Co. to begin work at once. Persons living in the city who can not find it convenient to send or call at the office, can call the office, New phone 2880, leaving name and address, and we will send our representative, Daneva Donnell, to see you.

We ask that you contribute to this worthy cause, helping an unfortunate child to be able to help herself, and to be of service in some way to humanity if only by being able to support herself when she grows to womanhood, and not a poor crippled invalid and a constant charity charge.

TO CHECK HATS AND BABIES IN THE CHURCH.

A checking system has been installed at the Tabernacle Christian Church of Columbus, Ind., after which no woman who attends the church will have any excuse for wearing a hat during the services. The church has lately been remodeled and in the big reception hall in front a great variety of racks have been placed. Two men will be in charge of this department every Sunday who will check hats, coats, cloaks, umbrellas, baby cabs and the like, and the church officials have announced that not a feather on the ladies' hats will be ruffled.

After church services the people in the audience will simply present their checks to the men in charge of the checking department and the hat or article corresponding to the check will be handed over. This will save the trouble of holding hats or umbrellas or wraps during services and it will also make it imperative that each woman remove her hat.

In the rear of the church a room is to be set apart where babies may be taken when they cry. If enough babies are taken to this room to require its use very often a woman who understands the care of children will be kept in constant attendance during church hours, and the room will be turned into a nursery where the mothers may leave the babies in care of a nurse as long as they see fit. Many women in the congregation sya they would be glad to come to church if they had some place to take their babies when the little ones fret and cry.

CARDS FOR DOGS AND CATS.

Announcement is made that some North Side society women of Chicago have arranged a bridge party for next Friday afternoon, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the erection and maintenance of a home in Chicago for stray dogs and cats.

The use of muslin windows instead of glass in dairy construction is said to help materially in the fight against tuberculosis.

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The Paupers' Burial Club of Indianapolis met with Mrs. Ada Goins Friday. The club is in a good financial condition and is doing much in the interest of the pauper dead.

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The Deaconess Board of the Bethel A. M. E. Church has elected the following officers: Mrs. Fannie Stewart, president; Mrs. Turner, vice-president; Miss Fannie Bell, secretary; Mother White, treasurer; Louise Hill, chaplain.

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Among the Hottentots women hold a better position than they do anywhere else in Africa. "The married woman," says one traveler, "reigns supreme mistress. Her husband can not without her permission take a bit of meat or a drop of milk."

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Diseases among children—notably sore throat and bad eyes—caused through dust raised by motor cars, are most rife where the schools are situated on roads frequented by motor cars, or where the children traverse these roads. In one school the head teacher points out that they have ten cases of sore throat where five years ago they had one.

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The ladies of the Second Christian Church of Kansas City, Mo., have organized an Aid Society, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Isabella Thomas; vice president, Mrs. Dollie Edwards; secretary, Mrs. Fannie Moss; treasurer, Mrs. Kincaid. The society was formed to raise money to help pay off the indebtedness of the church.

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Mrs. Boorman Wells, the "suffragette," said at a women's luncheon in New York: "You may ridicule us as you please, but we shan't abuse it as some of your Colorado women do. I heard two Denver men talking at dinner the other night. 'Hello,' said the first, 'here's a Philadelphia genius has invented buttonless underwear.' 'Oh, that's nothing,' said the second, 'I've worn it ever since my wife got a vote.'"

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One of the greatest blessings of the pay-as-you-enter cars is that the question of how women shall get off cars is solved. The so-called "grab-handles" are on the front sides of the door only. A woman leaving the car must face this handle, and consequently must get off facing in the direction in which the car is going. While it kills one of man's greatest arguments against suffrage, the fact that women will at last make a graceful exit from a car will cause a sigh of relief from every lover of the beautiful in art—or nature.—New York Tribune.

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Mrs. Cora F. Trow caused consternation in a meeting of the West End Women's Republican Club at New York recently, by stating that until women had learned how to hold legal elections in their own clubs they had no right to demand the ballot. She said that women voted for the officers of their clubs because they liked the way a candidate dressed her hair or because they disliked the woman who placed the opposition candidate in nomination. Women should study civics, she said, and become qualified to take part in the government of the country before they demand the right to vote.

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Mrs. Maria P. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., is organizing the Good Citizens Club of that city. Thirty members have been enrolled with the following temporary officers: Mrs. M. P. Williams, president; W. Dawson, secretary.

The object of this organization is to look after the criminals and clear the reputation of those wrongfully accused of crime.

Mrs. Williams is also endeavoring to organize a children's department of the Good Citizens Club, the object of which will be to teach them good morals and honesty of purpose. It is to be understood that positively there be no politics allowed to enter this club.

CORSICANA, TEX.

There was an educational rally given at the A. M. E. Church in honor of Prof. G. W. Jackson, who has taught in the public schools for twenty-five consecutive years. Papers were read by Mms. E. N. Humphrus and W. W. McKinney and Miss V. P. Hardee. Messrs. G. W. Johnson, J. A. Jones and P. W. McIntire spoke also. All the speakers extolled the work done by the professor. Prof. C. W. Cantwell, the city superintendent, was also present and added to the praise of Prof. Jackson. Much was said about the industrial work which had been gotten up for the girls and the plan that was on foot to erect a like building for the boys. A nice collection was lifted to help on the boys' building. ...An oratorical contest of the high school pupils was held at the Odd Fellows Hall Friday night. Miss Sarah Barrow won the first prize. Honorable mention was made of Miss Hortense Armstrong and others... Corsicana young men have awakened to the need of improvement and have organized a Y. M. C. A. They have purchased a nice library and are fast filling it with good books. Last week they purchased a piano. ...Our good men are being killed by a worthless set of men. Week before last W. L. Perry was shot down without notice. Mr. Perry was a useful, industrious, Christian gentleman. This past week Mr. Turner was trying to protect his house of business when without warning he was shot down by the side of his wife...The county teachers are closing their schools. It has been said that this has been one of the most successful school years in the history of the county. The teachers have had a special course of instruction in methods under the supervision of the county superintendent in their week's county institute...We are glad to note the interest our people are taking in reading. They like The Freeman for its political, church and race news. The circulation is still on the increase...The Mahara Minstrels were in town last Thursday night and played to a crowded house. Miss Bessie La Bell was the leading lady. Bennie Lowe was pleased to meet the company, as many of them were his old friends. ...A. Leigon, one of our leading citizens, likes The Freeman very much. He has just closed a contract to put down 1,000 feet of sidewalk for the city. This speaks well for Bro. Leigon.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

Memorial day of the Hon. E. D. Howell was celebrated by the Howell Literary Club Sunday, March 22, at Mt. Carmel Church, 3 p. m. The program was as follows: Dirge, the choir; invocation, Rev. T. A. Jones; introductory remarks, T. R. Smith; solo, "Dream of Paradise," Mrs. J. H. Howard; paper, Mrs. Mattie Pickens; eulogy, R. L. Hand; paper, G. T. Spence; duet, Mesdames Mason and Sims; funeral oration, J. A. Allen; response, S. K. Kinnard; duet, "Somewhere," Mesdames L. R. Williams and L. A. Donald; lecture to the club, Rev. T. L. Pratt; S. K. Kinnard, president; M. N. Craft, master f ceremonies.

BERWICK, LA.

John Tardy returned from New Orleans Sunday and will be in the town indefinitely. He was entertained by Banton's National Concert Band Sunday evening...Little Albert Miner, who has been in the Charity Hospital for two months suffering from a serious wound in the leg caused by a shotgun, has returned home and will soon be able to be out among his little friends again...The Freeman is on sale every week. See J. H. Ryan, agent in Berwick.

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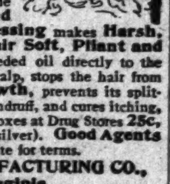

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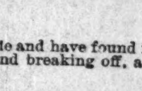

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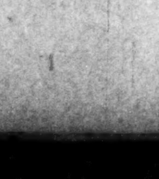

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How long he had sat there he did not know. When he raised his face, all gray and drawn with the tension of conflict, his eyes were not very clear, nor did the figure standing there in the dim light from the hall mean anything for a moment.

"Mr. Siward?" in an uncertain voice, almost a whisper.

He stood up mechanically, and she saw his face.

"Are you ill? What is it?"

"Ill? No." He passed his hand over his eyes. "I fancy I was close to the edge of sleep." Some color came back into his face. He stood smiling now, the significance of her presence dawning on him.

"Did you really come?" he asked. "This isn't a very lovely but impalpable astral vision, is it?"

"It's horridly imprudent, isn't it?" she murmured, still considering the rather drawn and pallid face of the man before her. "I came out of pure curiosity, Mr. Siward."

She glanced about her. He moved a big bunch of hothouse roses so she could pass, and she settled down lightly on the edge of the window seat. When he had piled some big downy cushions behind her back she made a quick gesture of invitation.

"I have only a moment," she said as he seated himself beside her. "Part of my curiosity is satisfied in finding you here. I didn't suppose you so faithful."

"I can be fairly faithful. What else are you curious about?"

"You said you had something important"—

"To tell you? So I did. That was bribery, perjury, false pretenses, robbery under arms, anything you will. I only wanted you to come."

"That is a shameful confession!" she said, but her smile was gay enough, and she noiselessly shook out her fluffy skirts and settled herself a trifle more deeply among the pillows.

"Of course," she observed absently, "you are dreadfully mortified at yourself."

"Naturally," he admitted.

The patter of the rain attracted her attention. She peered out through the blurred casements into the blackness. Then, picking up his cap and indicating his rain coat, "Why?" she asked.

"Oh, in case you hadn't come"—

"A walk? By yourself? A night like this on the cliffs! You are not perfectly mad, are you? What is the matter, Mr. Siward?"

"Well," he said, with a humorous glance at her, "I haven't seen you for ages. That's not wholesome for me, you know."

"But you see me now, and it does not seem to benefit you."

"I feel much better," he insisted, laughing, and her blue eyes grew very lovely as the smile broke from them in uncertain response.

"Only that I wanted you."

"So you had nothing really important to tell me, Mr. Siward?"

"Only that I wanted you."

"Oh, I said important! Why have you so ostentatiously avoided me, Mr. Siward?" she asked languidly.

"Well, upon my word!" he said, with a touch of irritation.

"Oh, you are so dreadfully literal!" she shrugged, brushing her straight, sensitive nose with the pink blossom. "I only said it to give you a chance. If you are going to be stupid, good night!" But she made no movement to go. "Yes, then; I have avoided you, and it doesn't become you to ask why."

"Because I kissed you?"

"You hint at the true reason so chivalrously, so delicately," she said, "that I scarcely recognize it." The cool mockery of her voice and the warm, quick color tinting neck and face were incongruous. He thought, with slow surprise, that she was not yet letter perfect in her role of the material triumphant over the spiritual.

"I am sorry I came," she said reflectively. "You don't know why I came, do you? Sheer loneliness, Mr. Siward. There is something of the child in me still, you see. It seems my fate to pass my life in bidding you good night," she said, straightening up and turning to him with the careless laughter touching mouth and eyes again. Then, resting her weight on one hand, her smooth white shoulder rounded beside her cheek, she looked at him out of humorous eyes.

"What is it that women find so attractive in you? The man's experienced insouciance? The boy's unconscious cynicism? The mystery of your self sufficiency? The faulty humanity in you? The youth in you already showing traces of wear that hint of future scars? What will you be at thirty-five, at forty? Ah," she added softly, "what are you now? For I don't know, and you cannot tell me if you would."

"What counts with you?" he asked after a moment.

"Counts? How?"

"In your affections. What prepossesses you?"

She laughed audaciously. "Your traits—some of them—all of them that you reveal. You must be aware of that much already considering everything"—

One slim white hand held a rose against her cheek; the other lay idly on her knee, fresh and delicate as a fallen petal, and he laid both hands over it and lifted it between them.

"Mr. Siward, I am afraid this is becoming a habit with you." The gay mockery was not quite genuine, the curve of lips too sensitive for a voice so lightly cynical.

He smiled, bending there, considering her hand between his, and after a moment her muscles relaxed and bare round arm and hand lay abandoned to him.

"Quite flawless—perfect," he said aloud to himself.

"Do you—read hands?"

"Vaguely." He touched the smooth palm. "Long life, clear mind and"—he laughed—"heart supreme over reason! There is written a white lie, but a pretty one."

"It is no lie."

She suddenly flushed and attempted to close her hand, doubling the thumb over. There was a little half hearted struggle, freeing one of his arms, which fell, settling about her slender waist; a silence, a breathless moment, and he had kissed her. Her lips were warm this time.

She recovered herself, avoiding his eyes, and moved backward, shielding her face with pretty upflung elbows out turned. "I told you it was becoming a habit with you!" The loud beating of her pulses marred her voice. "Must I establish a dead line every time I commit the folly of being alone with you?"

"I'll draw that line," he said, taking her in his arms.

"I—I beg you will draw it quickly, Mr. Siward."

"I do; it passes through your heart and mine!"

"Is—do you mean a declaration again? You are compromising yourself, you know. I warn you that you are committing yourself."

"So are you. Look at me!"

In his arms, her own arms pressed against his breast, resisting, she raised her splendid youthful eyes, and through and through her shot pulse on pulse until every nerve seemed to be aquiver.

"While I'm still sane," he said, with a dry catch in his throat, "before I tell you that I love you look at me."

"I will if you wish," she said, with a trembling smile, "but it is useless."

"That is what I shall find out in time. You must meet my eyes. That is well. That is frank and sweet."

"And useless—truly it is. Please don't tell me—anything."

"You will not listen?"

"There is no chance for you if you mean love. I—I tell you in time, you see. I am utterly frivolous—quite selfish and mercenary."

"I take my chance."

"No; I give you none. Why do you interfere? A—a girl's policy costs her something if it be worth anything. Whatever it costs, it is worth it to me. And I do not love you. In so short a time how could I?"

Then in his arms she fell a-trembling. Something blinded her eyes, and she turned her head sharply, only to encounter his lips on hers in a deep, clinging embrace that left her dazed, still resisting with the fragments of breath and voice.

"Not again—I beg—you. Let me go now. It is not best. Oh, truly, truly it is all wrong with us now." She bent her head, blinded with tears, swaying, stunned, then, with a breathless sound, turned in his arms to meet his lips, her hands contracting in his, and, confronting, they paused, suspending the crisis. young faces close and hearts afire.

"Sylvia, I love you."

For an instant their lips clung. She had rendered him his kiss. Then tremblingly, "It is useless even though I loved you."

"Say it!"

"I do."

"Say it!"

"I—I cannot! And it is no use—no use! I do not know myself—this way. My eyes—are wet. It is not like me; there is nothing of me in this girl you hold so closely, so confidently. I do care for you—how can I help it? How could any woman help it? Is not that enough?"

"Until you are a bride—yes."

"A bride? Stephen, I cannot"—

"You cannot help it, Sylvia."

"I must! I have my way to go."

"My way lies that way."

"No, no! I cannot do it; it is not best for me—not best for you. I do care for you; you have taught me how to say it. But—you know what I have done—and mean to do, and must carry through. Then how can you love a girl like that?"

"Dear, I know the woman I love."

"Silly, she is what her life has made her—material, passionately selfish, unable to renounce the root of all evil. Even if this—this happiness were ours always—I mean if this madness could last our wedded life—I am not good enough, not noble enough, to forget what I might have had and put away. Is it not dreadful to admit? Do you not know that self contempt is part of the price? I have no money. I know what you have. I asked. And it is enough for a man who remains unmarried. For I cannot 'make things do;' I cannot 'contrive;' I will not cling to the fringe of things or play that heartbreaking role of the shabby expatriated on the continent. My role in life is to mount to a security too high for any question as to my dominance. Can you take me there?"

"There are other heights, Sylvia."

"Higher?"

"Yes, dear."

"The spiritual; I know. I could not breathe there, if I cared to climb. And I have told you what I am—all silk and lace and smooth skinned selfishness." She looked at him wistfully. "If you can change me, take me." And she rose, facing him.

"I do not give you up," he said, with a savage note hardening his voice, and it thrilled her to hear it, and every drop of blood in her body leaped as she yielded to his arms again, heavy lidded, trembling, confused, under the piercing sweetness of contact. Then her voice, broken, breathless:

"Good night. Love me while you can and forgive me. Good night. Where are we? All—all this must have stunned me, blinded me. Is this my door or yours? Hush! I am half dead with fear—to be here under the light again. If you take me again, my knees will give way. And I must find my door. Oh, the ghastly imprudence of it! Good night, good night. I—I love you!"

(Continued next week.)

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

The all-absorbing question in the capital of this great State is local option. The Anti-Saloon League has waged a great war against whisky, the like of which this city has never before seen. There has been no radicalism, no threats, no insinuations, but calm reasoning on the part of the wagers of this war against the greatest curse to the land. Able men from far and near have come here under the shadow of Lincoln's tomb to lend what aid they might have had by experience and ability — Billy Sunday, Governor J. Frank Hanly, the Southern orator from Georgia, and Mr. Hector, the Negro anti-whisky orator from Philadelphia, were some of the brainy men who have occupied the rostrum and pleaded for the salvation of the nation... The political sky has cleared up and one can see just where the various candidates are and how strong they appear to be on the surface. Richard Yates has sounded the tocsin and the fiercest gubernatorial campaign Illinois ever saw is begun. The colored people think a great deal of Yates and their vote for Yates will not be light. Deneen, however, is a sagacious politician and it will be hard to come to any reasonable conclusions for some time. The fact that every one for Deneen and Yates respectively believes that candidate will be nominated is but politics and does not count votes...J. J. Miles is still holding the helm at the Leland...All hotel men get a copy of The Freeman, for sale at 815 East Washington street...The time has come for colored people to read their colored papers...The Freeman continues to improve. Can't see it?... Call at Barksdale's barber shop and get a Freeman...The Eighth Regiment I. N. G. will go in camp at Indianapolis, Ind., with the regulars... The Chrispus Attucks Club rendered a short program at the Lutheran Church Monday night, March 23... The Pastor's Aid Society of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church rendered an excellent program Wednesday evening, at which able addresses were made by Dr. Henderson, Mr. Lucas and Attorney O. V. Royall...Rev. Dickson preached a very able sermon at St. Paul Church Sunday, March 22. ...Preparations at all of the churches are being made for Easter services...St. Paul's A. M. E. Church is preparing for their next semi-annual rally which will be held in June and at which time they hope to raise $1,000 to be paid on main debt of church if possible...Our people should oppose at all times anything that has a tendency to lower the status of our social and religious status. We think the skating rink should be closed on Sunday by all means and at night at a reasonable time. It should also be conducted with much care.

TUCSON, ARIZ.

This city has a population of 1500. We can boast of 400 permanent residents. Of this number 50 are city property owners and 12 farms of 160 acres each, all irrigated. In the business world we are represented by such able and progressive spirits as Messrs. Jno. Clemmons, Frank Denkins, Geo. Braggs and V. M. Cole. Fraternally we are well represented, having neo each of the following orders: Knights of Pythias, Masons (subordinate), Odd Fellows (subordinate), Court of Calanthe, Household of Ruth and Eastern Star... The Hon. R. M. Lawson, Deputy Grand Inspector General for Arizona and New Mexico of the Scottish Rite Masons, is meeting with much success in organizing a Consistory here and would like to hear from the Deputy of Indiana and other jurisdictions...Wiley Haywood, having successfully passed the civil service examination, was recently appointed a regular mail carrier. He is the only colored carrier on the force..."Frolics of Coontown," headed by the famous Spikes Brothers, gave a performance at the Tuscon Opera House the 13th and played to a fair house, considering the fact that they showed the same day that they billed the town. Punch Jones, an old-time local favorite, was the star comedian and made good as usual. The show was very favorably mentioned in the local press...S. N. Liddell is up and about again after a severe attack of rheumatism...Anthony Taylor is chef at the Heidel, the new $50,000 hostlery recently thrown open to the public...Mrs. Fate Denkins and children left recently for a visit to their old home, Galveston, Texas... Through the earnest endeavors of the present Grand Master, the Hon. J. H. Lawrence, the Odd Fellows recently organized a Grand Lodge. Delegates from Albuquerque and Las Vegas, N. M., and Phoenix and Douglas, Ariz., were in attendance...Frank Denkins, one of our young business men, has certainly spared no pains in furnishing his neat little barber shop in the new Heidel Hotel, and as a reward for his labors he can boast of the neatest and best appointed tonsorial parlor in the city. Mr. Denkins certainly showed marked tact and business energy in securing this choice location, as he had several strong white competitors.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Fred Herman had the misfortune recently to injure his hand very badly, accidentally shooting himself... Leslie Reed left recently for Winchester, Ill., to cook for a camping party...Mrs. Pearl Kirk, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Icy Seymour, Mr. Wade and Theodore Roberts are on the sick list. ...Eff. Branum had the misfortune to injure his eye, which is very painful...Mrs. Henry Davis is slowly improving from her illness...Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mitcherson have moved to Alton, Ill...The Second Christian Sunday School scholars are preparing an excellent Easter program...Mrs. Alice Early is able to be around...Mr. Wade is on the sick list...Mrs. William House is now living on North Diamond street... Susie Lynch, one of our accomplished young ladies of the high school, is doing some nice high school work... Miss Hallie Belle won the prize at the entertainment given recently by the members of the M. E. Church... Sunday, March 15, was Educational Day at the Bethel A. M. E. Church. Excellent programs were rendered at night and in the afternoon. The church was nicely decorated with plants and flowers. The program at night was as follows: Music by the church choir; reading on education, Miss Alberta O'Leary; music, choir; vocal solo, Thomas Waggoner; reading on education, Josie Waddie; reading on education, James Brown; vocal solo, George Young, the auctioneer. The choir sang several nice selections. The programs were interesting and largely attended... Miss Irene Campbell, who is a patient at Our Savior's Hospital, is getting along nicely...Company L expects to camp for about ten days in Indianapolis, Ind...Rev. Hoaglan of Bloomington, Ill., preached a sermon at the Second Christian church March 18...Rev. J. Higgins and wife left recently for Evanston, Ill., where they will live...The leap year supper given at the M. E. Church Thursday night, March 19, was quite a success...Charles Moore is slowly improving from his illness...The literary society of Bethel A. M. E. Church is getting along nicely...McCabe M. E. Church gave a leap year social at the residence of Mrs. Blue on South Mauraisterre street recently. Twenty-five couples were present. The proceeds were $11.05... The total amount of Money raised Sunday, March 15, all day at the Bethel A. M. E. Church was $18.34. ...Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Carter and Haynes were in from Arnold, Ill., last Saturday...Mrs. Louisa Wright of Sinclair, Ill., was in the city recently.

MT. VERNON, IND.

The A. M. E. Church is moving on nicely and preparing a concert, "The Milk Maids' Convention"..The adult choir is preparing a fine program for Easter Sunday night under the management of Mrs. Mary F. Thompson. ...H. J. Thompson filled the pulpit for Rev. G. H. White Sunday morning...Rev. Sims of the Baptist Church was in town this week and preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. James Green...Sam Suggs lost his little daughter Maggie...W. A. Gaines & Co., funeral directors, are in the city and are contemplating establishing a branch department in Mt. Vernon...Wm. Fingers and Miss Lizzie Shaw were married Sunday... The K. of P. Lodge will have its annual Thanksgiving sermon at the A. M. E. Church Sunday, March 29... Sherman Wesely, the assistant agent of The Freeman, will be at your house Saturday afternoon and don't fail to get your paper...The Gertrude B. Hill Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Ida Jenifer Thursday afternoon.

PARIS, ILL.

Ernest Evans, one of our leading colored contractors, has returned to the oil fields at Robinson, where he reports business as being good... Mr. and Mrs. Wood Thomas arrived in the city to attend the funeral of Alvin Thomas...Miss Pearl Gibson, who is en route to Indianapolis, stopped off in the city a few hours to visit Mrs. Wm. Stull...Mrs. Sidney Ramey and little daughter Elizabeth of Chrisman, Ill., are here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ramey's brother...Mr. Elwood C. Knox, manager of The Freeman, has informed Robt. Taylor, who is agent in Paris, that he can assure his patrons that they can have their papers every week from this time on...Miss Mamie Robinson attended the banquet at Champaign given by the twenty colored students who attend the University of Illinois. She says it was the best ever...T. J. Reed of the firm of T. J. Reed & Sons Transfer Co., is laid up with the la grippe. He hopes to transfer it soon...Robt. Taylor wants every colored man and woman in Paris to read The Freeman for the benefit you get from it personally.

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TAMPA, FLA.

The A. M. E. Church held thier district conference in the city of Tampa, which lasted seven days, beginning March 4, all of which was very interesting. Bishop Tanner presided...The weather was fair throughout the conference and therefore permitted successful attendance. During the time the meeting was busy several hours in trying to adjust some matter of misappropriation which was settled in due time. Addresses of welcome were delivered by the mayor and several municipal officers. Before adjourning, resolutions were adopted thanking the citizens and officials for their hospitality. They also sent a minister to each church who spoke to large congregations. General Conference will meet in Washington, D. C., this year.

Race Gleanings

Dr. Wm. J. Thompson addressed the Sumner High School of Kansas City, Mo., on the "Great White Plague."

The school board at Portland, Ark., has ust received complete from the contractors, a two-story frame building 50x150 for high school purposes for colored people. This means much for the ducation of children in that part of the State.

At Alton, Ill., the law says that there must be thirteen colored children in a district before it shall be necessary to maintain a separate school for them and West Alton has for years depended on Hart, with fourteen children. He is about to move away away, and when he goes the school must close, as there are only eight other colored children in the district.

The Okfuskee County (Okl.a) Farmer's institution will hold an exhibit of farm products next fall. At that time a series of premiums will be given on the best exhibits of all farm products from a "horse to a peck of potatoes." The organization wishes ot interest especially the raising of corn among boys and will have a Boys' Corn Raising Contest." Cash premiums will be given for the first, second and third best ten ears, besides the secretary offers a special premium of a Chester White pig to the boy who brings in the best ten ears of corn of his own raising. L. N. North is president and T. B. Wortman, secretary and treasurer.

Hon. Isaac T. Montgomery, the founder of Mount Bayou and president of Mound Bayou Bank; Mr. Chas. Banks, the present cashier of Mound Bayou Bank, President of the Negro business League of the State of Mississippi and a prominent man in public affairs; W. E. Mollison, of Vicksburg, Miss., president of the Lincoln Savings Bank, a financier of no mean ability,a nd an able attorney; and A. A. Cosey, of Mound Bayou, Miss., who is the secretary of the Mound Bayou Oil Mill Manufacturing Company, were at Nashville, Tenn., last week in the interest of the Mound Bayou Oil Mill and Manufacturing Company recently organized at Mound Bayou.

The Industrial Savings and Investment Association of Indianapolis has been incorporated under the State Laws of Indiana, with a capital stock of $10,000, consisting of 400 shares at $25 each.

Number of shares sold, 200; number of paid-up shares, 91; number of shares yet for sale, 200.

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Ninety wholesale dealers of the second Internal Revenue District of New York City have ust sent a check for nine hundred dollars to the Tuskegee Institute as a volunteer contribution to the school and in honor of Hon. Charles W. Anderson Collector of the Second Internal Revenue District. These wholesale dealers have been led to show this token of respect to Collector Anderson because of the fact that he accepted checks from the dealers during the entire financial disturbance and was perhaps the only Internal Revenue Collector in the whole country who did so.

The check for nine hundred dollars was accompanied by a strong letter of endorsement of the business qualities of Collector Anderson and in entire approbation of his rare tact in handling the delicate situation which developed during the financial disturbance of October and November.

Colonial Secretary Dernburg, discussing the colonial reforms before the appropriations committee of the Reichstag at Berlin Feb. 25, said that one of the first necessities in the administration of German East Africa was the protection of native labor from the cruelties and oppressions of the planters, who, in many instances, almost paralleled the slave-hunting methods in vogue in the Congo Independent State. If the government tax on natives was increased to six rupees a head, as the planters desired, it would mean that each native would have to spend 200 days a year at forced labor. Herr Dernburg said that the abuses of natives by traders in Southwest Africa was the ultimate cause of the recent uprising there, and that if German culture was to be promoted in the German colonies, the work must be inaugurated by just treatment of the natives.

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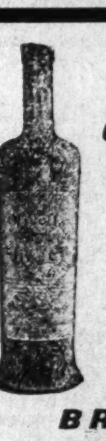

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SATURDAY, APR. 4, 1908.

Will you contribute to the "Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund?"

Kentucky needs a little of the Roosevelt gospel on Trusts.

Vice President Fairbanks is still a strong favorite in the South.

Will the bishops kindly express themselves as to what they did do.

One thing about the Republican party—it has plenty of good men to draw to.

Br. Bryan is simply delighted with the Indiana Democratic ticket—"Every little bit helps."

Local option is the safe way out of a temperance muddle. Bless the man that invented local option.

President Nord Alexis, of Haiti, will have to sleep on his arms of he expects to maintain his government.

The weather is slightly Londonish at this writing. Warm enough and seductive, especially to farmers and the ice men. A thought wave concentrated on it may hold it status quo.

Grand Opera in New York pays some one, at least; $2,310,000 was the cost of the last season's productions. Orchestra seats will be advanced from $5 to $6 each. Some one makes a fat drive out of the business.

The color question is said to be responsible for the present difficulty in Haiti. That country will have ot be careful or it will be as the monkey, the two cats and the cheese. The monkey got the cheese.

Congressman Heflin, of Alabama, should not have seen the necessity for carrying a pistol. Any man who is good enough to be a Congressman, and good enough to receive invitations to address temperance meetings ought to get along without a gun.

It is very plain that the Republican National Convention will have its hands full of business to beat Mr. Bryan regardless of who it puts up. The Democrats realize that they have a fighting chance and are doing their best at putting up a front.

The Baptist Alliance of Chicago takes the Washington conference to task for what it considers presumption in trying to speak for all the Negroes of the country. It does not propose to stand for it, and out of its opposition to the notion, has done some "resoluting" on its own account.

Local politicians gave away this week in interest of the greater game—State politics—the nomination of a Republican State ticket has been of extreme interest. All were anxious as to the outcome of the State convention, basing hopes of success on the strength of the ticket nominated.

The boys and girls of the Muncie high school are giving the civil authorities, the teachers and their parents as much as they can do to hold them down. Recently in a class scrap one of the junior girls was suspended from a tree. In other words, they hung her. The thing was so serious that a number were called into court to explain how it happened. They opened up by singing, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here." But when the court got through telling them what would happen to them if they weren't good, considerable of the run was out of them.

There are also election prophets who calculate with mathematical nicety just how it is going to turn out. The latest prediction is that the State of Ohio will wake up one morning in November to find itself in the Democratic columns. The calamity is attendant on the nomination of Secretary of War Taft. The soldier incident is cited, insisting that Mr. Taft's connection with the matter insures continued opposition of the Negroes. Then again the labor decisions of Mr. Taft are cited, his decisions when on the bench; there, it is said, will turn the labor vote against him. The effort of the opposition, at least, shows that Mr. Taft is now without strength.

At the recent conference in Tuskegee the fact was brought out, that in certain localities the white people were giving up their farms, moving into the class. The condition was held to be the Negro's opportunity since their best hold is on the farms, when in the rural districts. The land in such instances is generally at a sacrifice and for sale on long terms. The The localities mentioned have some of the greater Negro schools in their midst. The thought was to build up great Negro communities about these schools to become imbued with the spirit of community life which means diversity of labor. The shopman, the merchant, the lawyer and doctor can be a part of any well directed community,a nd every other phase of industrial or professional activity may be included.

Congressman Heflin, of Alabama, allowed his temper to get the better of him when he shot a Negro for drinking in his presence and in the presence of ladies on a Washington, D. C. street car last week. The Negro was said to be swearing also, and conducting himself generally in a most unbecoming manner. The Congressman was on his way to deliver a lecture before a temperance gathering, making in all a combination of circumstances that were extremely provoking. However, the law is plain, and it is not up to Congressmen to take the law into their own hands. It appears a hard case if the circumstances are faithfully reported and does not get sympathy for the Negro. Drinking, swearing, carousing in the presence of respectable people are aggravating circumstances, and which are not to be indulged in if respect and protection are expected.

This will not excuse the Congressman who has violated the law; he should come before the court to answer the charges against him.

The night riders are proving a menace to the prosperity of the State of Kentucky. Meetings are being held with a view of discovering means of coping with the men who are spreading terror throughout the State. The tide of opinion is against the night riders, and as it should be;a nd as it should be against any lawless organization; but it strikes one that the cause of the disturbance might be inquired into and adjusted if possible. Murder is not permissible under any circumstances, nor are the other acts by the riders against society—yet they are not without cause. Men are not to be reduced to beggary by giant combines; such combines are morally in the wrong when they do this, no matter if by hocus pocus they get within the law. The law is a variable "quantity," sometimes; and it is not every man that gets his merit before it. Twenty thousand men are not without cause. Why these men should be able to dispose of their goods in a market of competition, is it. Should such a condition prevail?

Of heroes and hero-worship we hear much. But there is a spiritual heroism little known, that of the man who resolves to conquer himself—hardest of all conquests. Impatience, envy, rage, selfishness, eager for success or sullen at defeat, passions of the flesh and passions of the spirit—these are his enemies.—Orville Dewey.

And as if born especially to fight them, he fights and fights; fresh to the scene daily as sure as the sun rises even until the last day when the enemies are yet unconquered. In fact, the fight is not one looking forward to t otal surrender—holding in respectable abeyance seems to be it. It is very much as the other excresences of the more physical—the nails, the hair, which are cropped, held within bounds; not totally destroyed. The human race needs some impatience, less envy, a little rage at times, since man types the universe where there is some rage. The human rarce must be happy in defeat, must have some passion of the flesh, of the spirit or else it would be dead to human interests.

Some expenses are necessary, but very much money is spent which should find its way into investments that will mean much for the "rainy days." Money saved from Sunday excursions and picnics will do great things if well directed. Read this advertisement:

"One hundred and sixty acres of land 2 miles north of Franklin Station, 10 miles from Tuskegee, at $6.50 per acre."

One would not care to purchase 160 acres if he were inclined to invest in land. But to think of land at that pricea nd within "hailing distance of civilization." A single acre could not be purchased at $6.50, but it stands to reason that for $10 or $12 per acre plots of a few acres might be purchased in that vicinity. While such conditions exist the life of the colored people will be about what they make it. The community notion would take care of the no market theory. The advertisement is simply cited as an illustration; the particular land may be very undesirable, really could not be fancy, at the price. But it gives an idea of the valuation of land and in those sections where the Negroes are in the greatest numbers. There is no reason why great cities may not rise and flourish out of the opportunities. The race is particularly fortunate in this respect; it really does not know how it is favored above other races in circumstances somewhat similar.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

It is generally conceded that the Democrats were alive to their opportunity in the State convention last week. The ticket is considered a good one and will appeal to the voters as such. Perhaps there have at times been equally as good men nominated, who, owing to various causes went down to defeat. These causes in the main were governmental policies and principles, rather than the personnel of the nominees. That the Democratic policies to-day are more in accord with those of the Republican party, together with the strong ticket from the individual standpoint, are what makes the work of last week's convention so telling.

The cry of "gold or silver" which rent he Democratic party assunder for the last dozen or more years is no longer heard; the Republican party under Roosevelt is not unlike the Democratic party in urging against "predatory" wealth, giant combines and unrestrained monopolies so here is "horse and horse." It is plain that the situation is evening up to where tact, ingenuity, the best candidates as individuals—of respect, of ability, will win. If the government is afe in either event, what is there to do but heighten the individual qualifications, including the other conditions mentioned in order to bring about success?

The Republicans have generally had the better of the people's confidence, owing to policies which the party has stood for. Most fortunate, too, the party has generally put able, clean men up before the voters who, when selected conducted the offices in accord with party promises and business fidelity which fairly insured the continuance of the Republicans in power. But at all that, there is some indication of unrest, more than is usually known among Republicans. It speaks very plainly in favor of the best men coming to the front, if the padty cares for success.

In short, the Democrats are in much better shape in the State than of recent years. They get together in the convention in the most beautiful manner, doing the very best hing possible with the material on hand. The head of the ticket is conceded a superior selection in the light of the circumstances; a man of quality and respectability. The remainder of the ticket is spoken of with respect.

ABOUT THE SALOON.

A juzzler; why so many insist that the money spent for liquor is an absolute loss—a loss to the circulating medium—so much dropped out of the world. The good temperance journal has it that so many millions were wasted in liquor last year, or some other year, leaving the impression that the money spent was lost beyond redemption. Intemperance in the matter of liquor drinking is without doubt an ugly habit. Not much will be said by the strongest friends of liquor that has in mind excessive drinking. They, however, will not concede that the money is lost when spent for liquor any more than it is lost when spent for other things that could as well be dispensed with.

It will not be denied that the poor mandeprives his family of a beefsteak when he spends a dime for whisky; he, individually will suffer want, and in all ways the effects of the liquor habit. Te money is lost to him, lost to his family, going to another man who does put it into steaks, and the other requirements of an up and up family. The money is not lost to circulation, not swallowed up, nor burned up. The very poor man is the one cited when speaking of the saloon question. Indeed, he is the one ot be cited, since he is generally poor,a nd weak, to boot, can not resist the temptation, causing such productions as "Ten Nights in the Bar Room" and "Father, Dear Father, Come Home With Me Now" Of the long since days. Happily that kind of condition is not so prevalent to-day. The saloon man does not cater to that kind of trade. In most instances he would rather give than take. And you may rest assured that great hearted men sometimes even decorate the bars, and who respond to the call of charity as freely and perhaps more so than men of any other class. The man with the slip asking contribution for burying the dead does not slight he saloon men and for very excellent reason.

Here is no plea for saloons, but an "inunction" against the notion that the money there spent is "obliterated." The saloon, furthermore, is a licensed institution, permitted by the laws. When they conform to the laws that are responsible for their existence, they should have every protection enoyed by any institution or individual living within the law. For some reason many saloon men feel mean if they can't beat the law—open up any place, in the cellar, in the attic, in the kitchen; take all manner of risks ust in order to be irregular. They doubtless call this game sport, enjoying the excitement as much as they do the extra dollars. The water wagon is rolling, and if the saloon people are wise they will get regular.

THE BAPTIST ALLIANCE OF CHICAGO SPEAKS.

Now comes the Baptist Alliance of Chicago, taking stand against those resolutions by the bishops et al., in convention assembled at Washington, D. C., not al ong while since. The situation has become somewhat amusing despite the gravity. The country has never thought otherwise than what the bishop weres were a party to those resolutions which were noted for their vigor in denouncing President Roosevelt and Secretary of War, W. H. Taft, holding either as undeserving of the great office of President. Somehow, the rumor is current that, at least, the A. M. E. bishops had no share in the making of the resolutions. authority on what some has characs Bishop Grant has been quoted as authority on what some have characterized as the retreat of the bishops. Up until this time the rumor stands without denial or further affirmation that the bishops have declared themselves to be without knowledge of the result of the deliberations of the Washington Conference.

The Baptist Alliance of Chicago, like the country generally, attributes the resolutions to the bishops. This is a considerable body and while in the instance it stands for Chicago, there is no reason to believe that it does not voice the sentiment of the Baptists generally. It will be remembered that the great National Baptist Convention did not feel to go on record as taking a pronounced stand against the administration; the wisdom of its action is more apparent to-day. This has in mind the elimination of the electioneering phase, and the best interest of the race who will find it pays sometimes to seek for excuses for the action of men, rather than in a spirit of cynicism or supersensitiveness, make causes where there perhaps are none. In other words, troubles come, and without invitation.

Referring to those resolutions thought to be the work of the Methodist bishops, the Alliance expressed itself as follows:

"Whereas, The above resolution, passed by the different Methodist conferences (colored), does not meet with the approval of the Baptist Alliance of Chicago and vicinity, the resolutions are of a dictatorial character and untimely, and we, as Baptists, have not intrusted our political rights to any set of men or religious bodies to voice our sentiments upon such grave matters as contained in the above resolution; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we regret that such a body composed of men of religious experience did not display more wisdom than to arrogate to themselves the right to state to the country what we Baptists of Chicago will do in November, 1908.

Resolved, Further, That we, the Baptist ministers of the City of Chicago and vicinity, desire to place ourselves on record as not being in sympathy with any such sentiments as expressed in the above resolution, passed by bishops of the different conferences herein mentioned.

"And we further request that the different newspapers of this city and country at large give these resolutions a wide circulation through their columns."

IS FORTUNE AGAIN ON THE AGE?

A little bird has been whispering that "Brer" Timothy Thomas Fortune has concluded to "bring his clothes back home," and is again doing the principal editorial work on the New York Age. We are not surprised, and hope the rumor is true. We imagine we see signs of the old-time Fortune in the current issue of the Age, and our gladdest hand is extended to the beloved Nestor of the Craft Journalistic.

NEGRO LANDS ANOTHER PLUM

S. Laing Williams Appointed Assistant District Attorney in Charge of Naturalization—More Recognition for the Negroes of the North—Administration Scores Again.

(Special to the Freeman.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—President Roosevelt today announced the appointment of Mr. S. Laing Williams of Chicago as Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, in charge of naturalization. This is the third appointment of the kind made by the present administration, the other persons similarly recognized being Mr William Henry Lewis of Boston, Mass., and Mr. James A. Cobb of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Williams is a man of large experience in the practice of the law, standing in the front rank at the Chicago bar, and is a prominent factor in the business and civic life of his home community. He is peculiarly fitted for the special duties appertaining to the office to which he has been assigned by the Department of Justice, and the appointment will be particularly acceptable to the best members of his race, not only in the State of Illinois, but in the entire country.

Some interesting details connected with the appointment will be made in our next issue.

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Delightfully Entertained by Register Vernon and Meet Washington's "Smart Set."

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Mr. J. W. Jackson, a prominent business man of Denver, Colo., and a political leader of his State; Mr. Nick Chiles, editor of the Plaindealer, Topeka, Kan., and Mr. T. P. Mahammitt, editor of the Enterprise, Omaha, Neb., have been the guests for several days of the Hon. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury. They are a fine set of gentlemen, full of energy, and typical of the hustling West, and made an excellent impression upon the good people of the national capital. They saw all the interesting sights that abound here in countless numbers, and got a peep at the big statesmen at the Capitol, where the lawmakers hold forth and "save the country" at critical periods.

Tuesday evening Register Vernon gave a brilliant reception for the visiting gentlemen at his stately residence, 420 T street, Le Droit Park, and they enjoyed one of the most delightful social functions of the season. The guests present who came to meet Messrs Jackson, Mahammitt and Chiles, were: Messrs. John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds; Cyrus Field Adams, assistant register of the Treasury; W. L. Houston, Grand Master G. U. O. of O. F.; W. H. Clifford, J. A. Lankford, H. C. Tyson, Charles E. Hall, Ira T. Bryant, Maj. Arthur Brooks, Lieut. Thos. H. R. Clarke, Justices Robert H. Terrell and E. M. Hewlett, Professors A. H. Glenn, Kelly Miller, John T. Layton, W. Bruce Evans, Neval Thomas, Doctors A. M. Curtis, J. C. Dowling, Sumner Wormley, Attorneys L. M. King, L. G. Gregory and Mr. R. W. Thompson. Rarely is there gathered together, even in the resourceful and versatile capital of the nation, such an aggregation of distinguished professional and business men, and Dr. Vernon proved to be a host full worthy of the grand occasion.

An elaborate luncheon was served by the prince of gastronomics, J. W. Gray, after which impromto speeches were made by every one present and the interpolation of tuneful melodies by Prof. John T. Layton and Dr. C. Sumner Wormley contributed to the charm of the hour. Dr. Vernon acted as toastmaster and had a good word for all. Dr. Vernon is "Everybody's Register of Everybody's Treasury, and his latchstring is out for the country at large when its representatives journey this way.

BUTLER, MO.

Rev. W. H. H. Brown preached his annual sermon here Sunday and will leave Tuesday for St. Louis to attend the annual conference... Mrs. Jane Carl has been very ill for several days.

NIGHT SCHOOLS CLOSE

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tral Committee, headed by the Rev. C. H. Parrish, asking the removal of lawyer Isaac Black and Prof. Crit McKinley from the Board of Guardians at the Children's Detention Home, claiming that they had not done what they could to best foster the interest of the children. The committee also recommended that the league assist in raising money to help prosecute the policeman who killed Mr. Skaggs some weeks ago and was dismissed by the county court, as claimed, without a fair trial. The committee recommended that some time in May a day will be selected to properly put the work of the league before the masses.

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News reached here last Friday that Lexington, Ky., would entertain the next National Baptist Convention. The vote stood nine for New Orleans and thirteen for Lexington. The convention is the largest Christian body of Negroes in the world and its mission work extends in Africa, South America, West Indies and cooperating mission work in Russia. It also operates the National Publishing House in Nashville, the largest Negro business concern in the world among Negroes.

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The funeral of Mr. T. W. French was held at the Fifth Street Baptist Church last Friday. Mr. French was one of the leading citizens of this community. He was a leader in the Odd Fellows, United Brothers and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten. He was a faithful Christian worker of the church and was a bosom friend of the Rev. J. H. Frank and Dr. C. H. Parrish, who spoke at his funeral. The funeral was largely attended and he leaves many friends who regret his untimely death.

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A large audience gathered at the Church of Our Merciful Savior last Sunday and heard an unusual sermon from the Rev. Leroy Ferguson. He spoke from Genesis, chapter 2 and 18th verse: "And the Lord said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an helpmeet for him." The rector chose for his subject "Holy Matrimony." He gave the authority of the church and the Bible for the performance of matrimony as a sacrament and traced with much interest its custom from the early ages until the present day. He declared "that race suicide was not among the poor in the alleys and the unfortunate in the world's goods, but among the Negroes and other races who were well-to-do, educated and had positions of honor." He advised the young men of his congregation to be heroic and sensible and start with three rooms and he would start their marriage free of charge. The sermon was very interesting and came as a surprise to his audience. The attendance at the church is growing rapidly and the Rev. Ferguson is delivering some fine sermons every Sunday. The music at the church is exceptionally good and any visitor coming to Louisville wishing to hear a fine sermon and excellent music will be welcomed at the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Savior.

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The A. M. E. Zion Church is no longer an experiment. It has grown and prospered many years. Their bishops are respected all over America as brilliant and brainy men and her pastors are respected and followed among all classes of the race. This connection is doing a great work in this city for the extention of the Master's kingdom.

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A movement is on foot to launch the Rev. R. S. Rives, D. D., pastor of the Thirteenth and Broadway A. M. E. Zion Church, for the honors of bishop. The Rev. R. S. Rives is richly endowed with qualifications for the honor. The city of Louisville gives him the credit of being the first to start the movement to close the city on Sunday.

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Mr. Guy W. Smith, the oldest mover and packer in the city, purchased some time ago, a fine location for his business on Fifth avenue, opposite the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The location is admirable for his business and when the office is erected it will be the most representative business house among Negroes in the business section of the city. Mr. Smith has about ten moving cars and does all the moving that is done for the better class of white people in the city. His sons, Rochelle and Cassius, are connected with the business.

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Dr. Samuel Myers, school trustee of the Tenth Ward, showed his hand last week by not appointing a colored man as a census enumerator for his ward. Four-fifths of the voters of his ward are Negroes, and after being requested to put on a Negro and then failed, it is considered a cut that the Negroes claim they can not easily get over. The voters claim that such class of men should be remembered on election day. The matter will be presented to the Negro Citizens' League and some effort will be made to bring this kind of treatment before the voting class of people.

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The Central Law Department of the State University, of which Hon. Albert S. White is dean, will close May 4. The commencement will be held at the spacious Chestnut Street C. M. E. Church. State Inspector H. H. Thatcher will deliver the principal address and Mr. E. G. Egers of Paducah, Ky., will deliver the alumnae address. Mr. Charles B. Preston, a clerk in the postoffice, will be the only graduate this year. For eighteen years this school has been sending out graduates and they have "made good" wherever they have hung out their shingle.

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A communication has been sent out announcing the candidacy of Mr. H. C. Wheden of Lebanon, Ky., for delegate at large to the next national Republican convention. Mr. Whedon is a strict party man and the convention will do itself honor by acknowledging his valient service.

The class of 1899 of the Central High School met last Wednesday night at the home of Miss Ida Clark and elected the following officers: Miss Ida Curtis, president; Mr. John Clark, vice president; Miss Scottie Strickland, secretary; Miss Nannie Masterson, treasurer. The club deliberated over the manner of their entertainment and it was unanimously decided that it would be of a literary nature and subject to a committee. A class reunion is expected to come off some time in June, but the date has not been permanently decided. The secretary was requested to write all members who are out of the city to send the time that would be most convenient for them to return and receive a cordial welcome by classmates.

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Lawyer W. L. Ricks is making much progress here as a practicing attorney. In all public questions that are for the good of the Negro, he is in the lead giving his time, council and service. He is also doing some valuable work in the field of journalism. Mr. Ricks will present to the board of directors of the library a petition from the citizens of the eastern portion of the city asking for the erection of a branch library in the eastern part of Louisville... The people are making a howl for the branch and Mr. Ricks has kindly conesnted to push the matter until its final adjustment.

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Prof. F. S. Delaney announces that the oratorie "Esther," one of the most tuneful ever written, will be given some time in April or May for the benefit of the building fund of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church. From the number of operas announced thus far Louisville will have a feast of musicales this spring. The Mesurgia, Treble Clef and Young Men's Progressive League have all engaged theatres.

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Mr. Cary B. Lewis was assigned this week to Frankfort, Ky., to give the Frankfort Normal and Industrial Institute a write-up for a Sunday feature of the Courier-Journal. This is a new departure of the paper and was given at the request of Mr. Lewis, who was present when the Legislature passed a bill giving $40,000 to the school. Governor A. E. Willson has signed the bill and it is well for the institution.

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Mesdames Meyzeek and Jackson, who have been conducting a notion and dry goods store near Eleventh and Chestnut streets, are very proud of the growth of their business. They had the patience to stick through the dullness of the winter and now they are receiving a good deal of support from the race-loving members of the race.

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The name of Rev. J. M. Connor of Ft. Smith, Ark., for the next bishop in the A. M. E. Church, is being mentioned here a great deal among church goers of the connection. The Rev. Mr. Connor has a host of friends in this section and the Kentucky and West Kentucky conferences last year spoke very highly of him to the delegates who are to go to Norfolk.

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The Masons have decided to have their annual Easter sermon preached by the Rev. D. A. Caddie, pastor of the Green Street Baptist Church. On the following Monday night, the Masons will give an Easter ball at Odd Fellows Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets.

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A communication appeared in the daily papers Sunday asking for aid at the Eckstein-Norton Institute, Cane Springs, Ky.; The General Assembly ought to make a small annual appropriation to the school, but the bill failed of being reported in time. The school is non-sectarian, devoted to industrial and elementary school training, and has endeavored to make its students good citizens.

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Miss Emma Nelson of Knoxville, Tenn., passed through the city Saturday, enroute to French Lick Springs.

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H. C. Cousins has the colored order of Red Men on foot and if addressed at 533 Green street will give necessary information.

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Mr. Irvin Slye of French Lick Springs, Ind., was in the city Sunday circulating among friends. Mr. Slye is always a welcome visitor to the city. Mr. Tom Cole and his private secretary expect to visit Mr. Slye in April.

CARY B. LEWIS.

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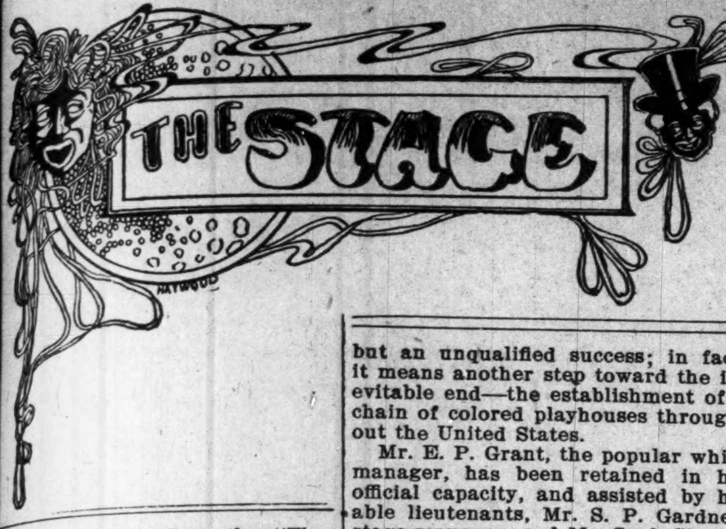

Have you contributed to the "Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund?"

Fiddler and Shelton were well received at Grand Rapids last week.

H. W. Jefferson, trap drummer, is now at Memphis, at the Royal Theatre.

Slayton's Jubilee Singers are making a successful tour in South Dakota.

Marshall's Old Plantation Company is making a big hit throughout Florida.

The Patterson Quartette gave a sacred concert at Norwalk, N. J., Sunday of last week.

The Lyric and Airdome at Dallas, Tex., are doing a big business. S. R. O. sign out every night.

Al Martin has the sideshow privileges with the Wallace-Hagenbeck circus the coming season.

Pearl Moppin has closed with the "Great Ferdon" and is now with the Norris and Rowe's circus.

Prof. W. W. Kenoly of Butler, Mo., has reorganized his band and will give concerts during the summer season.

The McCarvens headed the bill at the Majestic Theatre in Paris, Ill., and was considered the best team there this season.

Johnson's Side Show and Vaudeville Annex with J. Frank Hatch will open with one week's engagement at Pittsburg, Pa., May 2.

"Nocturne" is Clyde Andrews' latest composition, which has been played for the President. Mr. Andrews is a Kansas product.

Happy Bill Briggs, comedian of Sunny South Company, has closed his engagement with the company and is now at his home at Grand Rapids.

Frank Castry, tuba and double bass player, formerly with Richards and Pringle's Minstrels, is now with the Sells-Floto circus. Regards to all friends.

"The Precious Pickle" and Garland Drill will be given by the Notasena Club at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 24, under the auspices of American Importers, directed by Mrs. E. L. Young.

Will H. Smith of Chicago has arranged to manage Clark's Theatre at Columbus, O. The house will be called the Dunbar Theatre, in honor of the late poet, and the opening will take place April 11. Pictures of Mr. Dunbar will be given as souvenirs.

Harrison Stewart, the young successful comedian who has been sustaining the enviable reputation as a first-class performer and the idol of the Pekin patrons, at Chicago, will be seen in vaudeville, commencing April 5 at the Star Theatre in that city.

Miss Hallie Q. Brown, the greatest known reader and elocutionist of the race, entertained a large crowd at the Carbondale Opera House last Monday night at Paducah, Ky. Miss Brown is known in England and France as well as in America for her renowned work.

A new theatre called the "Bijou" has been opened at Montgomery, Ala., and also at Atlanta, Ga., for colored patronage and colored stock company. On the opening at Montgomery Booker T. Washington, teachers and officers of Tuskegee Institute, will be present, occupying boxes. There will be special nights for white people. Talent has been secured at Chicago.

Grand opera has cost New York over $2,000,000 this season. The Metropolitan Opera House has produced 131 operas, and Hammerstein's Opera House 125 operas. The former's receipts were $1,310,000 for twenty-one weeks. The latter's $1,000,000 for twenty weeks. Eight new operas have been presented, costing $200,000. The dearest was "The Damnation of Faust," which cost $60,000 to produce it three times. "Andreas Chemer" was produced one time at the cost of $10,000.

Mr. Calvin F. Johnson, reputed to be Tennessee's wealthiest colored man, has purchased the Lincoln. Mr. Johnson is a gentleman of considerable local reputation, being the owner of what is considered to be the best half-mile race track in the South, and is proprietor of some of the fastest horses in Dixieland. There is a rumor to the effect that Mr. Johnson is considering the advisability of dismantling one of his buildings which now occupies a prominent corner in Knoxville, and erecting the largest colored playhouse in the world. The cost of the new edifice will approximate an expenditure of over $30,000. With a colored population of 35,000, Mr. Johnson's proposed venture cannot be anything but an unqualified success; in fact, it means another step toward the inevitable end—the establishment of a chain of colored playhouses throughout the United States.

Mr. E. P. Grant, the popular white manager, has been retained in his official capacity, and assisted by his able lieutenants, Mr. S. P. Gardner, stage manager, and Mr. Sank Simms, assistant stage manager—is offering a diversity of entertainments surpassed by none and equaled by few colored troupes in the country. The members of the company send regards to all friends, including the Merry Howards.

CIRCUS WAR.

Indications point to a "circus war" this season and that Indiana will be the storm center. It is thought that the Buffalo Bill Wild West aggregation and the Barnum and Bailey shows are trying to pick the field against the Wallace-Hagenbeck people, but it is possible that the Wallace-Hagenbeck people will take the road a little earlier than either of these two.

J. E. ADAMS MINSTRELS AND VAUDEVILLE CO. WITH THE NORRIS AND ROWE CIRCUS.

The company consists of fourteen people and opened at Santa Cruz, Cal., to good business. The band has the following ten members: A. F. Hutt, bandmaster; James Harris, orchestra leader; Herman Hoy, cornet; James Harris, saxaphone; J. E. Adams, first alto; A. G. Frederick, trombone; Arthur White, snare drummer; Wm. Ramsey, bass. J. E. Adams, manager, and Arthur White, stage manager. Lucy White is making a hit with "It's Hard to Love Somebody"; Izetto Hutt, "Abraham Jefferson Washington Lee"; Callie Vassar, "If You Want a Kiss, Help Yourself"; Ida Baker, "Oskaloosa."

All send regards to all friends. "Daddy" White is making good with "Bow Bow Buddy."

FRENCH PLAYS IMMORAL.

In Paris it is becoming dangerous for any man to take a virtuous woman to see any play which he has not had the opportunity of judging beforehand. To do away with the difficulty, one playwright proposes to follow the practice adopted in some of the theatres in Switzerland, where plays are often advertised with a notice to the effect that "This piece is not for unmarried girls," or something similar. M. Valabregue, the author in question, has written under his new play "Vivi l'Amour," the warning: "An Improper Comedy in Three Acts." It is, of course, impossible to say whether his action is prompted by consideration for the feelings of cautious playgoers, or whether he has added the sub-title by way of advertisement. If the latter was intended, the idea will certainly be successful.

The "Mrs. Grundy" of Paris is consoling herself with the thought that when the censorship is done away with the supervision of theatres and music halls will pass into the hands of the prefect of police.

TO OPEN EASTER SUNDAY.

Ocmulgee Park, Macon, Ga., one of the largest parks in the United States devoted to the exclusive amusement of colored patrons, will open its regular season Easter Sunday, April 19, under the able management of Chas. Collier, that young, popular and astute Maconite. He will be ably assisted by a corps of efficient assistants. Many new features have been added to the park, a roller coaster, merry-go-round and razzle-dazzle are among the new attractions. In the Casino a high-class stock and vaudeville company will hold forth. Among those booked already are "Laughing Lew Lamar," a comedian in a class to himself, and conceded by the severest critics to be the peer of all colored monologists and some more. He was one of the big features of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels the past season. Carrie Hall, the favorite coon song singer; the Johnsons, sketch artists; Billy Reeves, comedian; Emma Foster, soubrette; John Sherman, basso; Alex Johnson, comedian; and a host of others. Will Goff Kennedy, the character comedian, is stage manager; C. (Piccolo) Jones is musical director. E. B. Dudley, late musical director with the Dandy Dixies, is bandmaster, with a band of twelve. The opening is looked forward to with much interest.

CLARK'S JUBILEE SINGERS.

Joseph Clark Jr.'s Jubilee Singers and Entertainers will entertain the highest officers of the Equitable Life Insurance Company at their annual banquet at the New Seelbach Hotel April 2, at which all the agents of Kentucky will be guests. The following well-known performers will be furnished by Joseph Clark Jr.: Bud Lively, the ragtime king; Robert Clark, the droll comedian; the Clark brothers, Eugene and Joe, champion tamborine beaters and bone rattlers of the world; James Clark, musical director; Miss Lillie Grear, Miss Mollie Robinson; Lovey Taylor, the little dancing wonder, and the dandy coon, Joseph Clark, Jr., manager and stage director.

The Clarks send regards to all members of Cole and Johnson's Shoo Fly Regiment, also members of the Smart Set Company and all in the profession. Joseph Clark Jr. wiuld like to hear from the Reeves and Miss Irene Gains of the Black Patti show. Joseph Clark Jr. will leave here very soon for Chicago, where he will try to lease the Hopkins Theatre of Louisville to open a colored stock company especially for colored patrons, as we are in need of a place of amusement. It is expected that Tom Logan will be stage director. Mr. Clark will also consult Robert Motts, proprietor of the Pekin Theatre, on his visit to Chicago about forming a circuit of colored theatres.

PEKIN THEATRE, CHICAGO.

Miss Luella Lawson, a member of the Pekin Stock Company, became suddenly ill during a performance last week and had to be removed to the hospital. She is fairly on the road to recovery and will soon be back in the harness again.

J. Francis Mores, who for the past two years has been connected with the Pekin Stock Company, has resigned and leaves this week for New York. During Mr. Mores' stay in Chicago he has made many friends and admirers and it is with regret that Chicago bids him good-bye.

Frank Montgomery, late of the Smart Set, has joined the Pekin forces and has already arranged some very pretty dancing numbers.

J. Ed Green has made a record for himself when it comes to rehearsing companies. Last week he rehearsed both of the Pekin stock companies at the same time in "The Merry Widower." One company opened last Sunday at the Pekin and the other at the Columbia and each proved a screaming success. Mr. Green would be glad to welcome a few days' rest out of the city so as to collect his thoughts, but instead he has begun another rehearsal.

"The Merry Widower" rag and dance, done by Jerry Mills and Miss Lottie Grady is the talk of the town. At each performance there are from six to eight curtain calls. They are at the Pekin this week, while over at the little Northside house, "The Columbia," Mat Marshall and Miss Nettie Lewis are winning the same ovation in this dance.

Miss Effie King, the sweet contralto singer of the Pekin stock, is rendering "As Long as the World Rolls On" in this week's production and is winning much praise for herself.

Little Madeline Cooper is fast coming to the front as a graceful and dainty little dancer.

ALBERTA CHRISTY.

THE LINCOLN THEATRE, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

The bill for the first half of the week was "The Czar of Dixie."

DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Czar of Dixie (Puesedo)	Geo. Center
The Real Czar	Sank Simms
Czar's Valet	S. P. Gardner
Juliette—The Czar's Niece	Mable Brown

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Warm Spot	Miss Love
School Days	Miss Brown
Dinah Green	S. P. Gardner
When the Band Was Playing Dixie	Sank Simms
Conversationalist	Kid Love

Assisted by Miss Center, Miss Dean and Geo. Lewis.

OLIO.

Miss Annie Grinder	Singing Soubrette
The Centers	Sketch, "The Show on the Road"
Monologue	Mr. Lewis

During the closing scene the following vocal selections were rendered in a most pleasing manner:

Honey, I'm Waiting For You	Miss Dean
Build a Nest for Birdie	Kid Loye
Slumberland	Miss Center

The bill for the last half of the week—high-class vaudeville. Opening chorus by the entire company—Colleen Bawn, Caroline Celia.

OLIO.

Miss Annie Grinder	Singing and Dancing Soubrette
Specialty—A Quiet Night's Rest	The Centers

Twenty-Minute Yell.

Sam P. Gardner	The Man with a Package of Fun

Love-Lewis-Love—Offering 57 varieties of laugs in 15 minutes.

MUSICAL PROGRAM.

I'm Just Crazy About You	S. P. Gardner
Would You Care?	Miss Dean
I Wish I Had a Girl	Mr. Lewis
Caraboo	Miss Love
What a Time	Kid Love
Pride of the Prairie	Mable Brown

Closing with that screaming comedy "The Arlington Hotel Looking for a Porter."

CAST.

Porter	Geo. Center
Proprietor	Sank Simms
Bell Boy	S. P. Gardner
Waiter	Kid Love
Cook	Geo. Lewis
Guest	Miss Grinder
Private Maid	Miss Center
Nurse Girl	Miss Dean
Chamber Maid	Miss Love
Hospital Nurse	Miss Brown

THE VAUDEVILLE SITUATION.

By Sylvester Russell.

In the prime vicinity of vaudeville there dwells within its stellar ranks several star colored performers of exceptional ability, who shine very brightly according to the ratio of actors who are handicapped only by the great majority of white actors who are in the contest to crowd them out.

The colored vaudeville artist is left to fight his battles alone. His greatest strength to battle is his merit as a performer and his worth in his particular line of stage business. His next strongest point is to be able to overcome by exhibiting a high grade of character and a cautious spirit of aggression. His chief aim must be to please his audience and the manager of the house alike and to agree with the manager or resident manager of a circuit theatre, however humiliating, rather thtn to take sides with any performers. The duty of a resident manager is always to carry out the rules of the management and if he fails to do so he only weakens his own prestige. Colored vaudeville actors must never be hasty but always patient and cordial, no matter, hardly, how perplexing the situation may be, in little petty differences which often occur among vaudeville performers. As for the preference of a dressing room, the majority of them are either all so bad or all so good, in the different houses, that the contention is hardly worth while. It is hard to believe that a booking agent would strive to misuse a colored performer in any way whom he has booked. It is perhaps best for colored performers not to book by an organization agent if he can get booking by an independent one. Now understand I do not mean a circuit agent who is a member of a white actors' vaudeville society. Actors who are not organized still remain in the majority; these actors and the colored actors should all keep on the best of terms with each other in order not to be crowded out or misused by those who are organized, and the other throng of those who drift in and out of vaudeville should be a part of the independents also—that is, assuming that we class the general unorganized actors, black and white, all as independents. There should even be an organization like this known as the "Independents" and I should suggest that the New York "Variety" favor such a movement. Personally, one actor is as good as another, no matter who he is, what his color is or where he came from. It's hard to define where some rum-soaked actors get off at. Actors should only organize to fight for a good cause and not to fight against the very men who feed them or to oppose men who are darker in complexion or weaker in numbers than they are.

No manager of quality would turn a good performer down in favor of an organization that opposes him unjustly and without a cause. No such manager will; he hath been ordained to feed the poor, that all, and not some, may eat and live. The strongest point against any organization is that vaudeville is not a permanent actors' occupation. An actor is in it today and out of it tomorrow; he has either ascended or descended to the heights of heaven's blue sky or the depths of the dark green sea.

Coming home to the colored vaudeville actors, it is best to say there is a class of them who had better behave themselves. There is nothing to gain in getting square with managers and booking agents. If people do not treat you square, you will only rise by giving them a square deal in return, the kindness that kills, the character that lives and the establishment of race precedents that can never die.

The best thing that colored vaudeville actors can do is to keep on good terms with the other actors of their race, especially those in comedy. The two factions should aid each other in and ut of vaudeville and comedy and thus commune and devise means and ways to keep up the high percentage of good actors in vaudeville. It is highly important that these two branches of performers keep their heads close together. Performers who graduated from road companies and have advanced in vaudeville must no longer have grievances against the comedy managers or actors for spells that have passed, nor envy against the comedy stars because they get greater and much undeserved advertising. But to be a comedy star is the highest rung of the ladder. They must, therefore, be held up as the race lights of achievements as well as the insoitable targets of calumny. To the vaudeville artists, the supporting comedy actors, and men who shine in minstrelsy, we must look for future reinforcements of new stars to replace the old and to increase the number of high-class vaudeville stars at the head of comedy organizations, yearly.

SCRANTON, PA.

The Oriental Lodge No. 80 of this city gave their third anniversary and banquet at the Guernsey Hall, 316 Washington avenue. The committee spared no pains to make this affair second to none. The hall was beautifully decorated with lilies and palms and other potted plants. There were some of the most eloquent speakers of the race in attendance, and in behalf of the above named lodge they proved themselves to be of the highest manifestation of mankind. Such men as John J. Smallwood, founder and president of the Clermnot temperance institution, were present and delivered a most eloquent address in behalf of the Negro race. The distinguished guests were J. W. Grant, M. W. of Penna.; W. H. Miller, R. W. G. S.; W. H. Breckett, M. W. P. G. M.; Rev. Dr. J. Smallwood of Virginia; P. W. Dennis, P. M. and K. T. of W. Y. Toastmaster and W. M. of Lodge, E. N. Goodall. Toasts: "Our Visiting Brother," Dr. T. Brown; "Why Am I a Mason?" J. Z. Mobley; "Why We Should Draw the Line," G. W. Brown; "The Builder," T. E. Howes; "Good Night to All," E. N. Goodall. ...There will be a grand musicale and literary concert given at Bethel Hall April 9. This is said to be one of the grandest affairs of the season. ...Mrs. G. Plater, Mrs. J. U. Dorsey, Mrs. J. A. Carter, W. A. Hall, master of ceremonies; Rev. N. D. Temple, pastor...Mrs. Marshall Tinker met with a serious accident. Mrs. Tinker was hanging clothes on the line from off the top of the porch roof by misfooting. She slipped and fell to the ground, a distance of twenty feet. She is now confined at the State Hospital with a broken limb between the knee and hip. We are wishing her a speedy recovery...R. W. Shelton, the young Colorado comedian and musician, was recently made an Elk of the Anthracite Lodge of this city. ...Miss Mamie Jackson, who has returned from the West after an extended trip, will be married shortly to Wm. D. Giles, Jr., of this city.

DALLAS, TEX.

When will the Negroes of this city come together on an auditorium? We need it bad. Look at the crowded condition when a few hundred come together on any occasion like the Thanksgiving services of the K. of P. last Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. Church. It was the best that the committee could do for the courts and six lodges without the visitors and friends, and many stayed at home because room could not be had. ...Sherman and Dallas league teams at Riverside Park Sunday played some ball. The score was 1 to 0 favor Sherman. Attendance was good. The season will open in April, then the fans will be in the noise...Dallas team needs a coacher and trainer in signs and arts, yet they are up in the money, but could be improved much to perfection in team work... The Tollodeegee Club is a new organization to help better the moral condition of the people here. Why don't some of the so-called leaders go among the slums and needy members of the race and help them to improve their ways. It will help more than giving them the marble heart, which is done by so many who are in better circumstances...New branch office of The Freeman, corner Bryan and Good streets, where local news and ads will receive prompt attention at the Parisian Millinery Store. ...The week will record several new businesses here among and for the race...Don't aim to dodge me when I call for what you owe me. I need it now more than ever, and know you. So pay in the future and don't look to get this paper free.

OLEAN, N. Y.

The Sunday school of the A. M. E. Church is rehearsing Easter music. ...The stewardesses of the A. M. E. Church elected new officers as follows: Mrs. W. F. Coffey, president; Mrs. Edith Collins, vice president; Mrs. Frank Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Jerome Haithcock, secretary...A business meeting was held at Mrs. F. Jackson's Thursday evening. Refreshments served...Mrs. Susan Wright died Sunday. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. J. Hatfield, and seven grandchildren. Funeral the 31st. Rev. W. F. Coffey conducted the services...Harry Davis of Bradford died the 29th. He leaves a wife of a few months. Funeral the 31st at Bradford, Pa. Rev. W. F. Coffey officiated...Irvin Herald and Miss Anna Brown of Allentown, who were married recently, will make their future home here...Wm. Brooks, whose mind has become affected, was taken to the asylum at Cowanda, N. Y., the 25th...Walter Ray has returned from Biltmore, N. C...The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clemons of Portville is ill... Mrs. G. Scott of Jamestown was called here by the death of her grand mother, Mrs. Susan Wright.

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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Not Much Change in Chances of Presidential Candidates.

The National political situation has not greatly changed up until this time from what it was several months ago, as it concerns the Negro voters. There has been some change, however, especially in the South, where the battle wages for delegates to the forthcoming National Convention. The administration forces appear in fine fighting trim; they are contesting every inch of the ground, and with more or less success. The contests are attended with considerable friction—charges of overdue officialism—Federal interference, are made, and with more or less result. The Taft people are making visible headway, the impartial observer is forced to admit, yet the friction engendered has its purposes; it shows who is who, and what is what, The merits of the other candidates are being advertised, and as a salvation against the administration juggernaut, these candidates are being advocated.

In the struggle for mastery, if we are to believe the reports, the committee on credentials at Chicago will he a most important adjunct to the convention, fairly revalling it in interest. Unless a great change takes place, contesting delegations will come up from several Southern States. In more than one State two sets of delegates are already chosen, and with more to hear from. The "Lilly Whites" and the "Black and Tans," from all indication, will be again in evidence. At the last convention these delegations were given half representation each. What will be done this time will not be judged by the ppast. Sufficient to say that the committee passing on the claims will have worry and trouble enough to give anything like satisfaction.

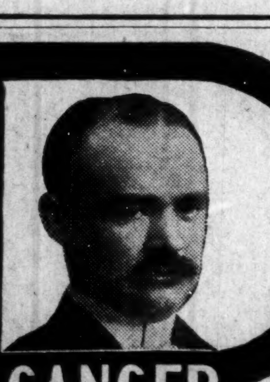
Among the candidates showing up to advantage during the stirring up of things is the Vice President, Charles W. Fairbanks, who is always mentioned with the greatest respect, and in the highest terms; or it is Hughes, Governor of New York, who has a remarkable hold on the country in view of the short period he has been before the people. It goes without saying, that Senator Foraker is nearest the hearts of the Negroes. Many, however, de not see his opportunity for selection, consequently he is not "asserted" with the same vigor as other candidates whose chances look better. They are for him, however, and should his chances look bright during the casting of ballots, it is certain enough, that the Negroes will sweep him into the nomination, if the thing is possible.

The Taft people do not seem to have fear of Foraker; they take cognizance of Fairbanks, who for some reason looms up in spite of his apparently silent forces. It is a puzzling silence, and which is "heard" in spite of the silence. Governor Hughes is another quantity that they dread. New York has fairly become the keystone of National politics in the sense of achieving success at the polls. Indiana figures in with the Empire State as a combination devoutly to be wished. The candidate that can make good in these States and the fact being known or generally thought, is in evidence at once. It is what makes Mr. Hughes strong, since it is felt that he can carry New York. The Negroes of the South, when leaving their annimosities aside, see the situation as other men see it. The soldiers' incident caused bitterness of feeling toward all connected with the administration, much of it unreasonable, but nevertheless a fact, and which must be reckoned with it, has been reckoned with, is being reckoned with. And for that very reason, those very reasons, there is change of sentiment towards Mr. Taft and the administration.

We will not feel it to be out of place here to say that the race showed considerably more feeling over the Brownsville affair than became conservatism and that spirit of charity that does not look for human perfection. "'Tis human to err," and the rest of it. We are afraid that the disinclination to admit the proposition in the case has given Mr. Taft advantake, temporary, at least. So after all, there is such a thing as overdoing a thing. A boomerang is the compensating quantity to an overplus of zeal. We may as well admit that the zeal to impede the nomination of Mr. Taft has given him his go. Or if we will not recognize the principle, we are forced to consent to the fact that opposition has been a very hurting admission.

Of course, the convention is yet to be, and the determined opposition may be felt and counted on when the delegates are in their seats. When they are in the reflective mood, considering who is the best for the best interest of the country, they may fall back on the philosophy of the greatest good for the greatest numbers, and conduct themselves accordingly. In such an event we have not the wisdom to say that even Mr. Taft will not be the choice after honestly, sincerely considering the claims of Fairbanks, Foraker, Hughes, Knox, Cannon; but the delegates should know of the attitude of the Negroes, counting it for what it is worth. It will be wisdom on part of the Negroes also to consider the soldiers' incident as an incident merely, and not the whole thing—a club to beat the secretary out of the calculation.

Being of Indiana, it gives us pleasure to speak in the interest of the Vice President, Charles W. Fairbanks, selected without dissent in his home State for the greatest office within the gift of the nation. His public life as Senator, as Vice President, has been such that he has won the confidence of the entire nation as to his supreme worthiness. The Negroes of the country may rest assured that when revolving the presidential situation in their minds that they may turn to page in the Senate last Monday. He struck out right and left and was not at all circumspect in what he said. He paid his respects to the President in the most vigorous language, insisting that he is not what he seems. He charges Mr. Roosevelt with flirting with those moneyed combinations that he so belabored in his recent messages and all for the sake of boosting the candidacy of his protege. As usual he delivered the Negroes a whack, a thing that has become a second nature to him. He evidently feels that he was most timely born, and for the specific purpose of "awing" the Negro race. The price of Negro delegates to the national convention is rising every day, he avers on the floor of the United States Senate, a charge which is as reflective on one side as the other—the purchaser or the purchased. But it is the Tillman way; he seeks to make a case out against the Negro at all times and where usually is an implied indictment of Negro citizenship. Get better, Mr. Tillman!



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THE EDUCATIONAL OUTLOOK

A SOUTHERN EDUCATOR'S VIEWS.

President Edwin A. Aldeman, of the University of Virginia, in addressing the Civic Forum at Carnegie Hall recently, expressed himself as hopeful of the educational situation in his section of the country. His speech was interesting from the fact that it included conditions or premises on which the future of the Negroes are to be predicated. He thought there were six essentials,a nd according to him they are:

"The white man must be in control; absolute social separation; the determination to develop the Negro in the manual and industrial arts; next, the determination that no former slavery shall creep into the new form of Southern life; that the Negro shall be trained to citizenship in the best sense, and in the South. The sixth was that the South should investigate the Negro problem in all of its aspects."

The terms of peace are not hard in face of the actual happenings; they look hard because dictated "down," and when the party of the second part has nothing to do but to accept, from all appearances. Yet it is not so hard as that. Generally the white man is in control, and should be, since he in the most part foots the bills. His reason for control should be based on the fact and on any other fact that means superiority; there should be no fee simple—simply holding as the good guardian, until a man's estate is reached. The foresighted will see only justice and peradventure peace from some such view. The Negroes will grow in every direction, when your most carefully prescribed plans will become obsolete. Will the Negroes not then be included in controlling? At that time there will be Federal laws, State laws, since recent constitutions are of "educative value"; there will also be industrial financial and moral fitness, all conspiring in the interest of the colored man becoming a part of the government. Will he yet fail?

If absolute separation is the fiat, it will not work ruin. Separation to-day is absolute. The Negroes are tired of being "unbidden" guests, and are learning to stay at "home" when not expected. The thing is not impracticable as it was formerly thought. Very little friction amounting to the hurtful arises. If white men will only be content in allowing them to be distinct and separate rather than prowling among them, using superior wit and judgment to set them at odds as to one another. The white men are yet very gods to many Negroes whose ignorant curiosity often confounds honesty with cunning. If the races are separate as they were some twenty years ago, when 'twas a pleasure to see the white people circling among the Negroes, then it is best; they had a mission—pure, honorable. Sometimes it is so in this day—not always so.

The Negroes are being trained for the trades and in general industrial arts. These phases are essentials; they are sensible, since they prepare those for the parts they are to play in the world as bread-winners. And most will be found doing work along those lines. The speaker had nothing to say of the professional and art side. Perhaps he would not encourage those, or more than likely he notes sufficient ambition along these lines.

In the most part, one who knows the situation is of it will not differ greatly on the greater number of the points with the professor, notwithstanding he champions some un-American principles. The redeeming feature is, that they are in practice and must remain so until there is a better understanding. He sees through Southern eyes, lives on Southern soil, and has no choice but to stand for those things which stand for peace and supremacy, temporary at the least.

ATTITUDE OF WHITE PRESS

A WHITE EDITOR ADMITS THE TRUTH.

Has it ever occurred to you, says the Lexington (Ky.) Dispatch, that the newspapers of this country owe something to the colored race other than recording day after day ,the crimes that Negroes commit? What newspaper within your range of reading gives any space ot the colored race to promote the best interests of these people? You can not name one. We hold them up to ridicule, we show, humorously, their dense ignorance and quaint views to make white folks laugh,a nd we tell with unfailing regularity of the wost they are guilty of, not forgetting to say "big black brute" and narrate how he was lynched. Now all Negroes are not bad. There is many a good man among them. It is rare that we notice him. We owe it to him to notice him, tell of the good work he does not only to encourage him, but to encourage others of his people. The newspapers of the South have not given the Negro a square deal. Possessed of all the prejudices incident to white life in the South, we nevertheless submit that we newspapers treat the colored man badly and we ought to do better than we have done. By doing so, we will contribute to our own welfare.

This is not the first time that a conscience stricken white editor has endeavored to make good after having used the columns of his paper to the purposes set out above. But after all, newspaper editors are flesh and blood, and when serving up news for the public wherein the Negro is interested, it will appear in accord with the feeling on their side—their race side—and more than this yet, is the commercial side. We said on another occasion that the Negro has not been always the most popular individual in the world, consequently it has not been policy to put him at his best. In some parts of the North we are constrained to believe that there is more effort to set out the doings of Negroes to advantage. Indianapolis is notably conspicuous in this matter. The newspapers, here, for years have catered to Negro subscription, which is considerable. Of the something like thirty-five thousand colored people, no less than four thousand subscribe to the daily papers. This means business not to be sneezed at. For years they have been good patrons of the daily papers. a fact which has insured fairly good treatment from them, and, of course, owing in some measure to the business side.

We would not have it appear that the papers of Indianapolis were intimidated into doing what they have done, or are doing. The money side is a part of it, but thre has been a tendency to give the colored people something like square deal. At times these very papers make it very plain that they are talking right out to Negroes, and while generally respectful enough, they are not to be mistaken. So it will not be understood that they are not gagged with gold. The editors have been friendly disposed, not in the sense of going out of their way to make conditions look good for Negroes when discussing a mix-up or race misunderstanding or when discussing crimes by them, but friendly in the sense of standing for a semblance of right amid the general unfriendliness generally shown Negroes. And that they do this is quite enough; it does not mean the hurling of ugly epithets as the editor of the Lexington Dispatch admits. It does not mean coarse take-offs on them just to make the white folks laugh. If the race is immune from this in all parts of the country, it wont be long before it will stand better at home and abroad. The press being against you, solidly, who is for you? This opposition has been very pronounced in the past, and in most parts of the country; it has been as a millstone suspended about the neck. But we see it now somewhat as the editor of the Dispatch feels to see it; that the reign of the awful head lines is nearly at end.

So much pleasure is not taken in narrating how the the Negro was lynched. Lynching goes "merrily" on, it will be noted in, but the sickening descriptions of how it was done are being left out. The people have become surfeited with the thing and do not care to hear any more details of "prepared horror." It's a right good sign, and it is without doubt, that t he other thing of lynching, as a habit, will also go. Of course, there are good among Negroes as there are elsewhere. As a body of harmlessness, they have beat the world; they have been "pure and sweet" as the rule; if the white people are wise they will keep them so. Why seek to array ten million Negroes against the best interests of the country? They will not always remain "dense, ignorant," nor quaint in their views. An offense may become known some day as such, rated as such, and resented as such. Who will be blamed?

The colored people do not care to be honeyed, either. The most they ask is that their side be fairly put, just fairly; this has in mind the known prejudice which does not admit of fairness in its best sense. To purposely report the meaner and uglier side of a race happening without mentioning the good as well, is that sort of pernicious journalistic activity complained of. Too often the reporter will hand in the sensational features of Negro gatherings to the utter neglect of the good and wholesome. These will appear in his paper, and the one opinion still prevails that nothing but the bad can happen, owing to the source.

The Negroes of the country will welcome the admission on the part of the editor of the Dispatch that "The newspapers of the South have not given the Negroes a square deal." One such admission from among those committing the offense is worth much more than coming from elsewhere. If the brethren of the quill South will simply repent; never mind the confession if they do not see it that way. Changed relations is what will do the race good. It will be a great help in the missionary work that the well directed newspaper must do—making, molding sentiment. And if they will but see the need of the spirit of tolerance and kindness, such as one human may expect of another even when furtherest related, then will refrain from the studious attempts at belittling those that are less fortunate in all respects, they will comply with the spirit that prevails through the half jocular and half earnest editorial noted in the Dispatch. In accord with the missionary idea, and as viewed from a newspaper standpoint, we do not see how they will escape their duty.

WABLEASEKA, ARK.

Program of the Wableaseka Lyceum, March 31, 1908.

1. Song by the Choir.
2. Prayer by the Chaplain.
3. Opening Address by Mr. David Levery.
4. Declamation by Miss A. B. Graves.
5. Oration by Mr. Eddie Johnson.
6. Sond—No. 78 in "Sing for Joy."
7. Recitation by Miss E. L. Long.
8. Oration by Mr. Leander Lyles.
9. Declamation by Clara Jones.
10. Solo (vocal), Miss Betsie Jones.
11. Oration by Mr. Ed Culver.
12. Song by the Choir.
13. Recitation by Josetta Long.
14. Trio by Misses Bertha Dove, Daisy Long and Mr. David Levery.
15. Declamation by Miss Alberta Briggs.
16. Oration by Mr. Arthur Lyles.
17. Oration by Fred Johnson.
18. Declamation by Miss Mattie Lyles.
19. Quartette by Mrs. Annie Obrient, Miss Rena Levey, J. C. Kilpatrick and R. S. Dobson.
20. Recitation by Miss Laura Goodwin.
21. Oration by Rev. N. Whitehead.
22. Solo by Mr. John Malone.
23. Duet—Prof. J. T. Holly and Clara Jones.
24. Address—Dr. Z. M. Mazique. Subject: "The Rights of Afro-Americans as Citizens."
25. Solo, by Mrs. Carrie Bertram.
26. Essay—Prof. J. G. Maxwell.
27. Song by the Choir—No. 47 in "Sing for Joy."
28. Oration—Mr. Jas. Goings.
29. Duet—Mr. H. Y. Shepherd and R. S. Dobson.
30. Select Reading—Mrs. Mollie Lyles.
31. Debate,—Resolved, That Education Should Be Compulsory." Affirmative—E. D. Colier, David Levery, Bertha Dove. Negative—Johnson Dorket, Laura Goodwine, Arthur Dobson.
32. Report of Critic, etc.

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OLEAN, N. Y.

Mrs. Jennie Hornbeck and daughter Irene were in Shinglehouse last week...Miss Ella Bliss of Friendship visited here last week...Ernest Cleunns has gone to Rochester... Rev. W. F. Coffey preached ably Sunday...Mrs. Henry Smith of Bradford, who died the 14th, was one of the founders of the A. M. E. Church at that place. She was buried the 17th. She leaves a husband, two nieces and a host of friends. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Barnes, Mesdames Mary Burghardt, Edith Collins, Sarah Lawrence, Martha Lolson, Grace Haithcock, Grace Palmer, I. J. Palmer, A. Brooks, Henry Brooks attended the funeral at Bradford, Pa...Wanzo Marshall of Portville was here Sunday...Andrew Gayton of Portville, N. Y., died the 22d after a short illness. He leaves a wife and four daughters, two sisters, four brothers and a host of friends...Foster Moore and son Howard were in Portville Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Barnes visited their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Crawford, at Kane, Pa., last week...Walter Ray left Sunday for Washington, D. C., and Billmore, N. C...The social given at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Coffey was a success...Mrs. Mrs. Susan Wright is ill.

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Washington, D. C., March 23.—An mense throng which packed every ailable inch of space in the great ditorium of the Metropolitan A. M. Church, assembled last Wednes- y night ot hear Dr. Booker T. Wash- gton lecture on "The Advancement the American people. For hours fore the opening of the doors, the reets were filled with people hurry- g in the direction of the edifice. anding room was at a premium in few moments, and hundreds of late mers were unable to secure admis- n at any cost. Fully three thou- nd persons heard the "Wizard," and lf as many more were turned away. The coming of the well-known expo- nt of industrial education and prin- pal of the famous Tuskegee Insti- e had been heralded far and wide r a number of days, and all classes our citizens, from the highest offi- ls to the humblest worker, were agog to greet him and make him lcome in the nation's capital, where visits are always an absorbing ent. He came upon the invitation the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church d its allied organizations, the lat- including primarily the Bethel Lit- ry and Historical Association, the st noted organization of its kind in country. The committee in charge the arrangements consisted of Mr. nry Lassiter, who so successfully naged a similar affair four years o; Rev. John H. Welch, pastor of church, and Miss Marie A. D. Ma- , president of Bethel Literary So- ty. Dr. Washington's triumphal re- ption of 1904 was more than dupli- ed on this occasion, and his visit , all things considered, the most isfactory he has ever made here. e affair, by reason of the manifest erest taken by the President of United States, the Cabinet, Su- eme Court, members of Congress d diplomatic corps, took on not ly a national, but an international pect.

ain the Gospel of Self-Helpfulness.

Dr. Washington's address of one ur and a half was listended to with closest attention, and his many ient utterances on the gospel of f-helpfulness, how races may solve ir problems by solving individual blems, how principles endure when es have had their day in the fore- und of human interest, the beau- of hopefulness, of refusing to be- e embittered by temporary disap- ntments and trials—all clustering und his masterly story of the rise development of Tuskegee Insti- e down in the black belt of Ala- a—stirred anew the fires of am- on, of optimism and courage in breasts of his hearers, and every n, woman and child went away bet- in heart, better in the spirit that es for achievement, and more ermined than ever to live up to lofty teachings voiced by this derful character. Repeated dem- trations of hearty approval were ulged in by the great audience, and apt anecdotes illustrative of the uliarities of the race, and the int recital of the strivings of the ble folks of the South to get up their own right, evoked no end of hter and applause. He was never better humor, and scored a big when he told a joke, somewhat at own expense, to the effect that e must be a conspiracy afoot to e him learn a new speech, as sev- different subjects had been an- nced for him at various points ts without consulting him, and ould place but one interpretation such a series of co-incidences— managers were giving him a hint he ought to get a new speech. He e the bargain—a fair one, he ght—that he would get a brand- speech when the people whom he d and worked for would indicate their lives and results that they e living up to the doctrines of the one. At any rate, Dr. Washing- said much that was new and much was old—but it was all good and ared with the principles and ideals have been his text throughout the s of his consecrated leadership. At conclusion of his magnificent ef- , the audience arose amid tumul- s cheers and gave him the Chau- qua salute, and hundreds crowded rostrum eager to get a chance to grasp his hand and extend congratulations.

Scenes and Incidents.

Dr. Washington reached the city Wednesday at 4:15 p. m., coming on directly from New York, where he had been speaking in conjunction with Sectary of War Taft and Major R. R. Moten in behalf of Hampton and Tuskegee. The "Wizard" was met at the Union Station by Mr. Lassiter's committee,a nd accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, was conveyed in an automobile to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter, 1215 17th St., where he was a guest during the major portion of his stay in the town.

At 5 o'clock an exhibition drill was given on 17th Street, from M to Rhode Island Avenue, by the entire battalian of the Colored High School Cadets, comprising the four companies from the M Street High School and the Armstrong Manual Training School. The young men in their spick and span uniforms presented a handsome appearance, and the difficult evolutions called for by the manual were skillfully executed under the general supervision of Major Arthur Brooks, military instructor in the colored public schools, assisted by Major S. Fields and Captains E. Gray Coleman, Joseph Bruce Evans and Russell Carroll. The "firing" of the battalion was especially well done. Dr. Washington reviewed the drill and complimented both officers and men upon the precision and grace of their movements.

At the conclusion of the military program, a sumptuous dinner was given in honor of Dr. Washington and his immediate staff by Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter. The beauty of the table decorations, the dainty ware and toothsome menu reflected unspeakable credit upon host, hostess and Caterer Emmanual Murray. The invited guests who witnessed the drill and to meet Dr. Washington, included beside himself and his secretary, Mr. Scott, the Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sidney Pittman, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Miss Marie A. D. Madre, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lassiter, Dr. Robert Reyburn, Mr. R. W. Thompson, Hon. W. T. Vernon, Major R. R. Moten, Major Arthur Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Simms, Mr. L. G. Gregory and Mr. Nathan Hunt, of Tuskegee Institute. At the conclusion of the dinner, Dr. Washington was escorted to the Metropolitan church by the Cadets and full corps of officers, whereupon his arrival a demonstration ensued, the like of which has seldom been accorded a member of the Negro rave by a company of such noted men and women of affairs.

Distinguished Persons on the Platform.

Many eminent representatives of the national government were unable to be present owing to unexpected demands upon their time. Among these were Secretary Taft, Ambassadors James Bryce, of Great Britain, Senator Nabuco, of Brazil, M. Jusserand, Ambassador from France, Justice John M. Harlan, of the Supreme Court, Baron Mayor Des Planche, Ambassador from Italy, Secretary Garfield and Attorney-General Bonaparte. The platform, nevertheless, was graced by such noted friends of the race and of the cause represented by Dr. Washington as Congressman P. P. Campbell, of Kansas, M. B. Madden, of Illinois, and J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio; Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, of Howard University; Dr. Robert Reyburn, dean of Howard Medical School; Commissioner H. B. Macfarland, Dr. A. T. Stuart, superintendent of the Washington public schools; Capt. J. F. Oyster, Dr. B. W. Everman, of the Board of Education, and Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, besides Justice and Mrs. Robert H. Terrell, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis, Prof. Kelly Miller, Register W. T. Vernon, Recorder, John C. Dancy, Miss Lucy E. Moten, Prof. R. C. Bruce, Assistant Superintendent of schools; Major R. R. Moten, of Hampton; Mr. Emmett J. Scott, of Tuskegee Institute; Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, Lewis and Charles R. Douglass, Dr. W. Bruce Evans, principal of Armstrong Manual Training School; W. T. S. Jackson, principal of M Street High School, Miss Marie A. D. Madre, president of Bethel Literary; Mr. R. W. Thompson, of the National Press Bureau; Whitfield McKinlay, Mr. John A. Lankford, president of the Washington Negro Business League; Rev. J. H. Welch and others.

Congressmen Madden and Campbell Speak Out.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lassiter, and after prayer by Rev. J. H. Welch, Congressman Martin B. Madden, of Illinois, was induced as the presiding officer of the evening. He made a happy speech, expressing his sympathy with the progress of the Negro race and declaring his belief in a governmental policy that assured to every citizen, whatever his color, the full enjoyment of all the rights and privileges guaranteed to any other class of citizens. Congressman Campbell followed in similar strain, and both received enthusiastic ovations. Besides these addressesa nd that of Dr. Washington, the program included some splendidly rendered musical selections by the Lyric Orchestra of Howard University. The church was attractively draped in the American colors. Dr. Washington paid a happy tribute to the beauty and cleanliness and delightful order that characterized the capital city of the nation and spoke earnestly of the pleasure it always gave him to visit Washington and to meet so many good friends and come into close contact with the machinery of the grandest government under the sun.

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The out-of-towns are numerous this week. Register W. T. Vernon has gone to Nashville, Tenn., to deliver the commencement address for the Meharry Medical College. Auditor Ralph W. Tyler is on an important business trip to Ohio and West Virginia. Mrs. Mary Church Terrell is off for an extended lecture tour of the South,a nd Clarence Cameron White is working toward Tuskegee, where he appears next week in conjunction with Mme. E. Azalia Hackley. The ministers of the M. E. Church are attending the annual conference in Baltimore.

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Horace D. Slater, the well known correspondent, has gone to Pittsburg, to continue his journalistic labors, after a stay here of several weeks.

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Mr. C. J. Pickett, of the Capitol, is as popular as ever, and sees more people in a given amount of time than any other attache of the big palace on the hill. He is indispensable to the well-being of his frienda nd patron, Senator Cullom.

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Since it is known that the National Baptist Convention is not to be held in New York, the feeling among Washintonians is that it should go to Louisville, where it should have gone in the first place. Louisville is centrally located; it is in the heart of the Baptist territory, and the people are the most hospitable on earth. They have commodious churches, ample rooming facilities, and can take care of such an organization in a manner commensurate with its magnitude. It would be a mistake to carry the National Baptist Convention to any small city, much as sentimental considerations may suggest such a course.

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We are praying to see the day when Negro Baptists will give in proportion to their great number, rise in their might and unitedly obey their Lord's last loving command—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

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As I write these notes, we have just received a sight draft for $2900 from Rev. D. E. Murff. We are sorry, oh, so sorry, we could not honor this draft; but the Lord willing, we will get this to him out of the first money from our Easter rally. Bro. Murff has baptized forty-two persons since returning to Africa.

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Dr. Parks of the A. M. E. Church is asking his churches and Sunday schools for $50,000 on Easter Sunday. They number only 800,000 members, while we number nearly two and a half million, and we are asking for only $10,000. We are more than five times as large as they, but we are asking for four times less.

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Capt. James Rhodes, formerly of this city died at Cleveland, O., March, 23.

The Utalca Club will meet tonight with Mrs. W. Clarence Stewart in West Pratt street.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Florence Bennett in West Thirteenth street Monday afternoon.

Nick Chiles, the editor of the Topeka Plaindealer was in the city Tuesday en route home from Washington, D. C.

George W. Cable will deliver an address at Flanner Guild tomorrow, the first of the series, subject, "The Negro in Business."

Miss Mary McLaughlin entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday at the home of Mrs. Kittie Minter.

Prof. M. A. Davis, of Evansville and Prof. R. F. Taylor, of Jeffersonville were among the number attending the Teachers Convention last week.

Miss Ida Bailett, of Chicago is in the city on account of the illness of her mother at the home of Mrs. T. A. Stewart in North Senate avenue.

The funeral of Albert Houston, a well-known citizen, was held at the Second Baptist church Wednesday. His wife and two sisters survive him.

Mrs. Harry Bailey, and her sister, Miss Carrie Goins, who has been her guest for several weeks, were called to their home at Keokuk, Ia., last week on account of the serious illness of their mother.

Allen Temple A. M. E. church of Marion, is making an effort to raise $1,500. Pictures of the church are being sold and the person selling the largest number over four hundred will receive a $400 piano. Mrs. Myra Huntor Reeves of this city is in the contest.

James Cantrel, Indiana's colored postmaster at Lyles, Charles E. Spires of Marion, Lee Rice, John Gibbs, Henry Rochelle, George Fisher, George Branston, Ben Russell and Clarence Storks of Terre Haute were delegates to the Republican State Convention this week.

Y. M. C. A. Notes

The Colored Young Men's Christian Association have been requested to conduct a series of public meeting in the interest of the general public. They have consented and the first of the series will be held next Sunday in Simpson Chapel at 3 p. m, These meetings will be of great importance and should be well attended by the public.

Dr. J. N. Hurty of the State Board of Health will be the first speaker taking as his subject, "The Cure and Prevention of Tuberculosis." This is Dr. Hurty's favorite subject and is worth hearing. The orchestra will give a special musical program. Men, women and children are invited to attend these meetings.

On next Monday evening the basket ball tournament will begin. There are four teams entered for the championship of the Association, Two games will be played on each Monday evening until the series is completed. The teams having the best percentage will be considered the winner. An admission fee of five cents or twenty-five cents for the complete series.

DEATH OF EDWARD HARRIS

Edward Harris, a well-known and highly respected citizen died unexpectly Wednesday at noon at his home in Hiawatha street. Mr. Harris had been in poor health for more than a year, but was able to be about and attend to business, and was apparently in his usual health when he retired on Monday night, On Tuesday morning when his wife called him she found him to be unconscious and he remained in that state until death came.

Mr. Harris conducted a successful transfer business for a number of years and was a substantial member and officer of Bethel A. M. E. church. He leaves a wife, a son, Leonard I., and a daughter, Mrs. James Thomas. The funeral will be held this afternoon.

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INDIANA DISTRICT PASTORS.

Lexington Conference of M.E. Church Makes Appointments.

The following appointment of pastors for the Lexington conference, Indiana district, have been made by Bishop David H. Moore of Portland, Ore. This is the colored branch of the M. E. church.

Anderson, I. F. White; Bloomington, S. P. Asher; Boonville, Newburg and Rockport, supplied by Henry Griffin; Chicago, Ill., St. Mark, W. C. Stoval; Chicago, Ill., Scott, J. B. Redmond; Chicago, Ill., Evanston, supplied, W. H. Brown; Connersville, H. H. Hinton; Evansville, J. C. Carson; Greencastle, supplied, William Miles; Greenfield and Franklin, S. H. Furgeson; Grayville and Browns, Ill., supplied, J. W. Irvin; Indianapolis, Barnes Chapel, T. R. Printiss; Indianapolis, East End, supplied, — Ellis; Indianapolis, Simpson, J. S. Bailey; Jefferson, Wesley, W. C. Statesman; Madison, Mack Lee; Muncie, J. E. Burton; Newcastle, Charles Jones; North Vernon, W. S. Rollins; Port Fulton and New Albany, to be supplied; Princeton, B. W. Kertley; Rushville, J. T. Leggett; Shelbyville, James Allen; Terre Haute, Merrills, supplied, Wesley Williams; Terre Haute, Saulter's, J. L. Franklin; Watson and Sementville, James Bowren.

The ministerial delegates from the Lexington conference to the General Conference at Baltimore are the Rev. D. E. Skelton, of Indianapolis, presiding elder of the Indiana district, and the Rev. B. A. White of Cincinnati; lay delegates, R. A. Crolley of Chicago and Dr. C. D. Meabane of Paris, Ky.

The report of Presiding Elder Skelton shows in the Indiana district 31 Sunday schools, with 1,700 pupils, 176 officers and teachers; 15 Epworth Leagues, with 250 members, 28 church buildings, valued at $60,300, and 16 parsonages, valued at $7,450.

Next year the conference will meet at Indianapolis.

LOCKLAND, O.

Lockland is situated in Mill Creek Valley, twelve miles south of Cincinnati, east of Wyoming and west of Reading, north of Hartwell. We have a very nice schoolhouse with 160 pupils and three teachers, five churches, three barber shops, three saloons, one skating rink, run by Richard Camack...There will be a large baptizing from the Baptist Church the third Sunday in April... Rev. Walker preached at Glendale Baptist Church March 28. Collection, $28...The K. of P.'s annual sermon was preached at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church last Sunday...Mrs. Fanny Wilson of Glendale died March 14.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

The Knights of Pythias and the Order of Calantha celebrated their 24th anniversary Sunday, March 29, at Allen Chapel Church. The program was well rendered by Mrs. T. A. Knox, Sir Nelson, C. Crews, P. C.; Capt. B. E. Watkins and Prelate J. McCarthy; chancellor commander of the day, J. P. Maynard (P. G. C.). The sermon was well rendered by one who can—Rev. S. W. Bacote (Sir), pastor of the Second Baptist Church. He is both witty and an able preacher. There were 584 men in line and over 200 women. The men represented 8 lodges and the ladies 7 Courts of Calantha. There were two brass bands and a Sir Knights of Uniform Rank. The collection raised was $108.70, which went to the church and other charitable purposes...Gus Mosely of the Midland Hotel crew and Spivey and one or two others have been on the sick list, but aer able to be out again. ...Don't forget the Midland Waiters Farewell Ball, Vineyard Hall, April 6, 1908...The Mystic Shriners are to take 25 men through the "hot sand" Monday night, March 30, under the direction of Noble Frank Niel as Potentate...Don't forget The Freeman is sold every week by the agent, A. T. Stewart, 719 Charlotte street.

COLUMBUS, O.

Jean Boone, formerly of Indianapolis, is now located at the Southern Cafe...Walter Fleming, an old Indianapolis boy, sends regards to friends and relatives. He is with the Hocking Valley Railroad...The annual Thanksgiving sermon of the K. of P. was held at the Board of Trade, seating capacity 5,000. The lodges had a fine parade, two uniform companies under command of Col. Cardwell and Adjutant Jas. Clark, two very large subordinate lodges and Courts of Calantha...Lieut. Col. Edw. T. Rogers was initiated a member of the U. R. Staff Sunday...Joe White is general manager of the Sam Stewart bar and cafe, corner 3d and Long, Columbus. Stop and see Joe...Bob Cole and Sam Lucas stop at the Litchferd Hotel while in Columbus...The Shoo Fly Regiment plays to packed houses at each performance while in Columbus...Wm. Hopkins, formerly of Indianapolis, is now at the Hartman Hotel...The new Clark Theatre is looking forward to a big house on April 6 with a stock company...Wm. Henry, clerk at the Litchferd Hotel, is in Kentucky visiting friends and relatives...While in Columbus stop at the Litchferd House and see John Bukin and Edw. Rogers. They are at the bar, 41 East Long street.

PADUCAH, KY.

Thanksgiving services of the K. of P.'s were held at Harrison Street Baptist Church last Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated with colors and emblems of the order and the altar of the church was surrounded with palms and flowers. The church was crowded from pit to dome and the choir gave special music. The band played from the hall to the church and the Uniform Rank was in full uniform and looked beautiful. Rev. Griffey delivered the sermon...Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong are visiting Mr. Armstrong's mother at Villa Ridge, Ill...Mrs. Victor T. May has returned to her home in St. Louis, after visiting her sister...Rev. Smith is in Clarksville, Ky., holding a week's revival... Harry L. Anderson's barn was destroyed by fire March 29. He lost fourteen head of horses. Mr. Anderson was asleep in his office and came near losing his life...Mrs. Alonzo McNeal entertained the church club last week at her residence... Get The Freeman at 707 Tennessee street; J. A. Lindsey, agent...Miss Viola Perkins of Villa Ridge, student of the Southern Illinois Normal University, of Carbondale, returned home last Friday for a few days' vacation and will return shortly to resume her studies.

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Mr. and Mrs. Greenprice, Hiram, O.	1.50
James H. Hathaway, Louisville, Ky.	1.00
I. H. Walace, Denver, Colo.	.50
Total	$64.80

MT. VERNON, IND.

The K. of P.'s and the Calanthas celebrated their annual Thanksgiving Sunday at the A. M. E. Church. Joseph Foster was master of ceremonies. Rev. G. H. White preached the sermon. The choir rendered some very fine selections...The Gertrude B. Hill Mite Missionary Society met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Mary F. Thompson...H. J. Thompson has been appointed manager of the W. A. Gaines undertaker department in Mt. Vernon...Rev. Sims and Jones of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church were in the city Sunday. Rev. Woodfork filled Rev. White, pulpit Sunday night...Mrs. George Barner of Syperiss Junction is in the city the guest of Mrs. Ella McClure... Mrs. Grace Wesley was called to Cincinnati on account of the serious illness of her daughter...Elmo Jones is on the sick list.

ACROPOLIS, PA.

The Rev. Mrs. H. Stout, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church, preached to a large congregation at both services Sunday...At New Hope Baptist Church Rev. Wilson of Pittsburg preached to a large congregation at both services Sunday...W. H. Davis has opened a first-class restaurant on Fourth avenue and is meeting with much success...Alfred Sutton of Vine street left on the 22d to accept a position in Cleveland, O... Mrs. Ellen Dailey of Washington, D. C., has returned after visiting her parents...Rush Bowman returned to the city Monday after spending several months at Quincy, Ky...Mrs. Rebecca Williams of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Tynus, will leave for home Saturday...Subscribe for The Freeman and keep posted on the colored people. For sale by D. P. Dorsey, 6 Vine street.

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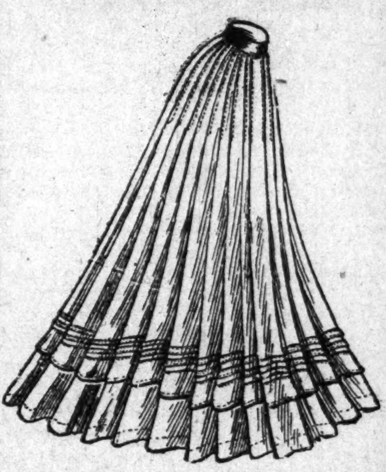

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